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AS THE ALIEN INVADERS STRIKE TREACHEROUSLY, A MIGHTY METROPOLIS IS BROUGHT TO ITS KNEES! DEATH AND DEVASTATION STALK THE CONCRETE CANYONS, BUT THE FIGHTING HEARTS OF THE MEN FROM *MARS* BECOME THE ULTIMATE WEAPON IN THE LAST DITCH DEFENSE OF A...

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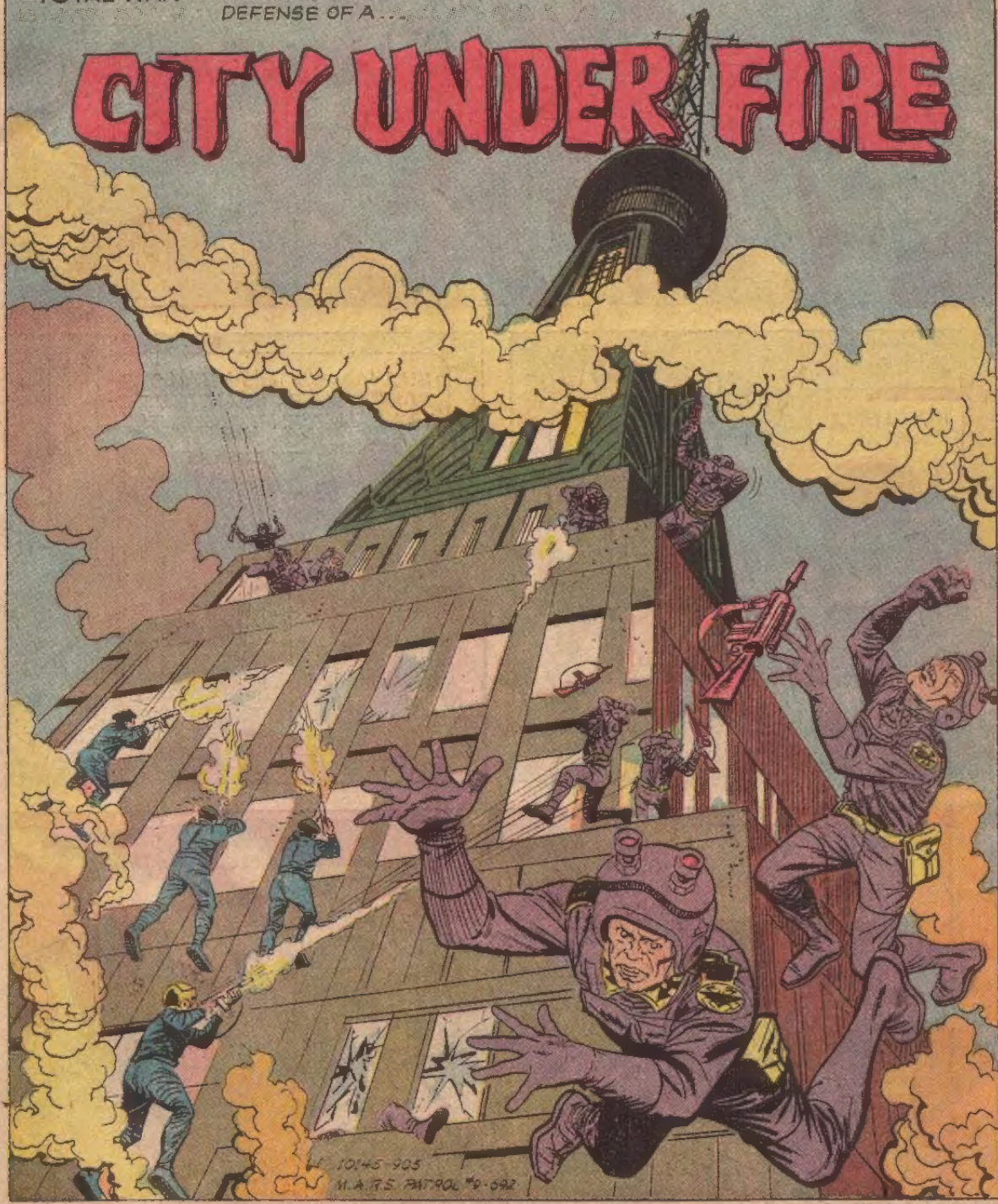

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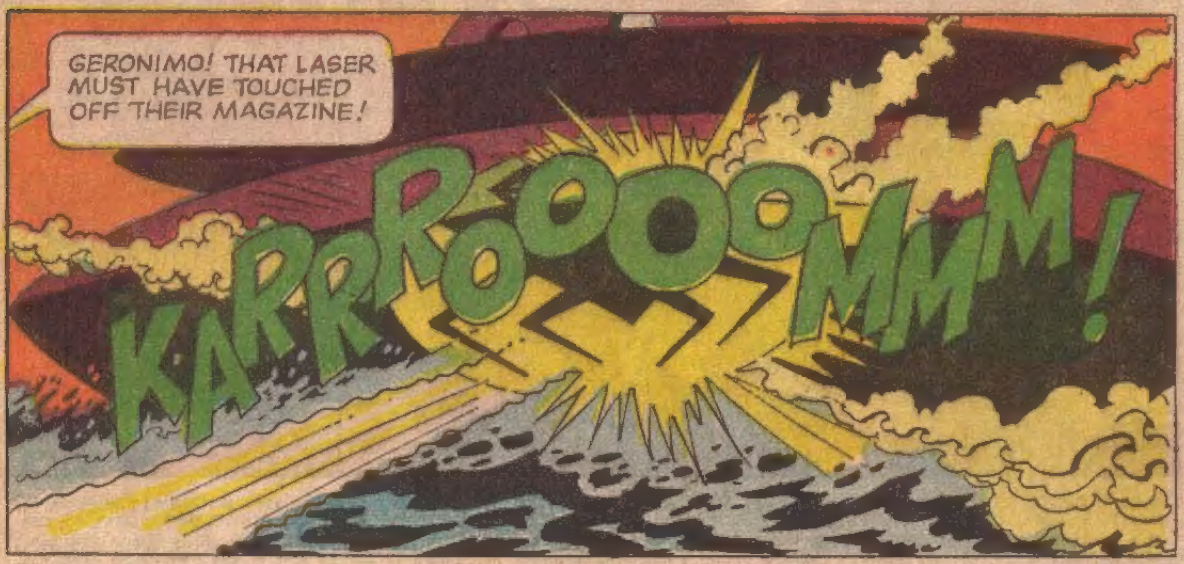
AS THE FIGHTING MEN FROM MARS BLUNT AN INVADER ATTACK...
BLAM!
WHOOM!
WE CAN'T CRACK THAT FLOATING FORTRESS! OUR AMMO BOUNCES OFF THEIR ARMOR LIKE JELLY BEANS!

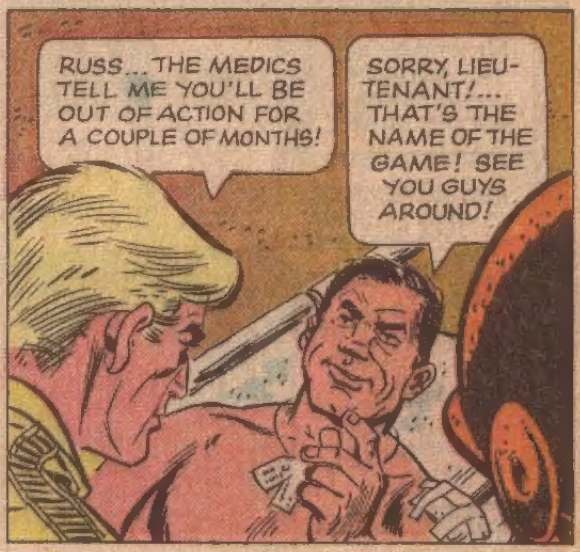
JUST THEN...
RUSS! GET DOWN!
BEEYOWW!
UHHH! TOO LATE, JOE! THEY GOT ME IN THE SHOULDER!

BUT MAYBE THIS NEW LONG-RANGE LASER BEAM PROJECTOR CAN EVEN THE SCORE!
HMMM!


GERONIMO! THAT LASER MUST HAVE TOUCHED OFF THEIR MAGAZINE!
KARRROOOOMMM!

AS THE CASUALTIES WASH ASHORE...
AND THOSE BALDIES CAME ACROSS THE GULFS OF SPACE...TO CONQUER US!
CALL THEM BALDIES, SKIN-HEADS OR ANYTHING ELSE ...THEY'RE FIGHTING MEN, SKIPPER!

BUT THE MARS TEAMS HAS CASUALTIES, TOO...
SKIPPER! THEY GOT RUSS!
RELAX, HIRO! HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT! AND HE PAID THEM BACK ...IN SPADES!


RUSS...THE MEDICS TELL ME YOU'LL BE OUT OF ACTION FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS!
SORRY, LIEUTENANT!... THAT'S THE NAME OF THE GAME! SEE YOU GUYS AROUND!

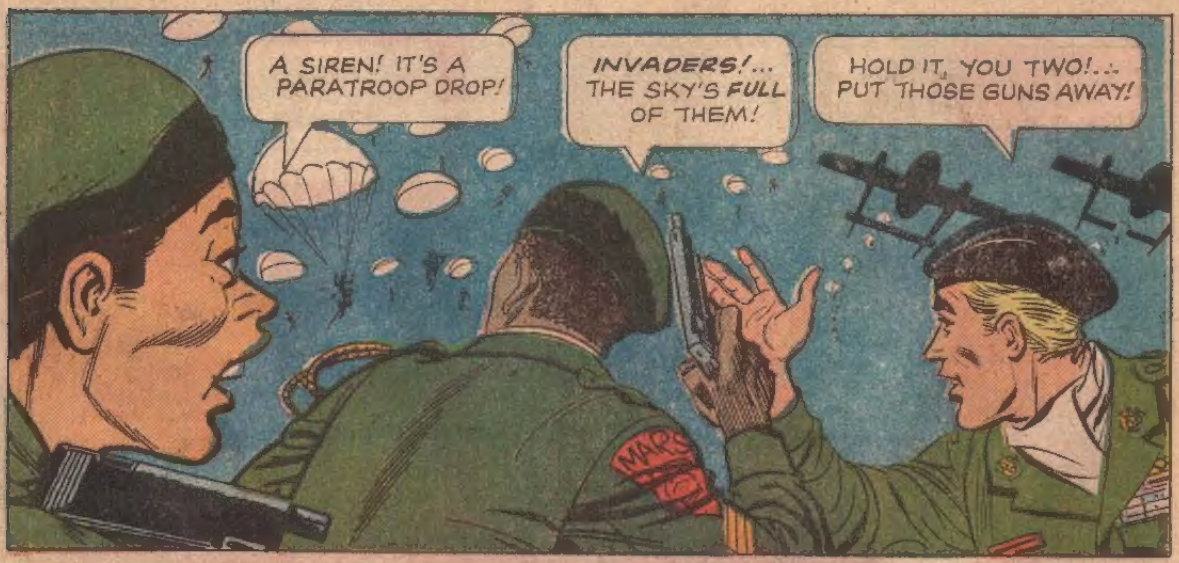
LATER, AT MARS FIELD HEADQUARTERS...
MEN, YOU'RE A PICKED TEAM ...SELECTED TO TEST THE LATEST BATTLE TECHNIQUES!
SGT. STRIKER IS THE COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT!
SGT. HIRO IS THE SEA-GOING WARFARE SPECIALIST!
LT. ADAMS IS THE AERIAL COMBAT WHIZ!

BUT THE TEAM NEEDS A WEAPONS EXPERT... AND CPL. STACEY WILL BE SIDELINED FOR WEEKS! LIEUTENANT, TAKE YOUR SQUAD UP TO FORT STANTON AND PICK YOURSELF A REPLACEMENT!
YES SIR, GENERAL KRIPPS!

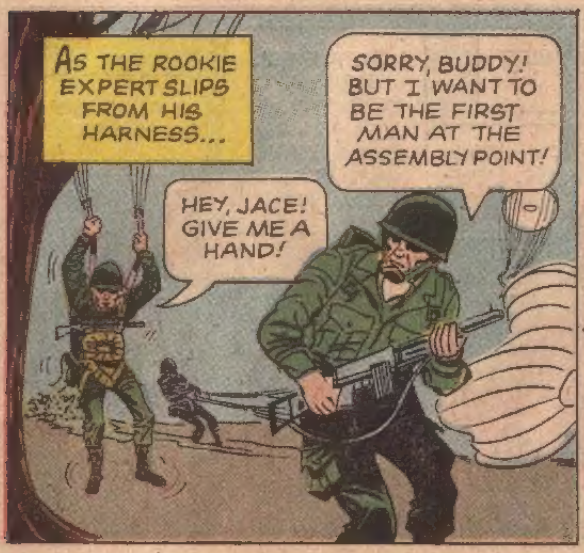
BUT, SKIPPER, FORT STANTON IS WHERE THEY TRAIN ROOKIES!
AT EASE, HIRO!... ONLY COMBAT VETERANS, THE CREAM OF THE CORPS, ARE SENT TO FORT STANTON ... FOR MARS TRAINING!
COMMANDANT FIELD

NEXT DAY AS THE SQUAD'S WHIRLYBIRD SWOOPS DOWN...
JUST REMEMBER TO GIVE THE NEW REPLACEMENT...
... A CHANCE! AFTER ALL, WE WERE ALL ROOKIES ONCE!
DON'T REMIND ME, SKIPPER!
FORT STANTON RESTRICTED AREA AUTHORIZED MILITARY PERSONNEL ONLY

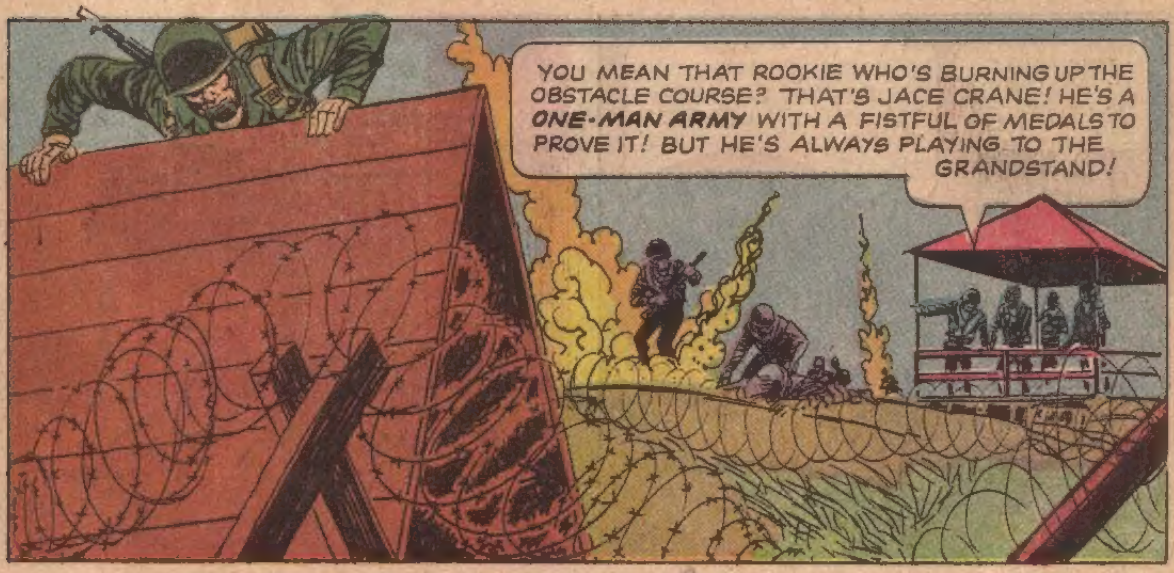
WE HAVE TO REPORT TO THE CAMP COMMANDANT! HE'LL HELP US SELECT RUSS' TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT!
UHHH! WHAT'S THAT?
HOWEEE!

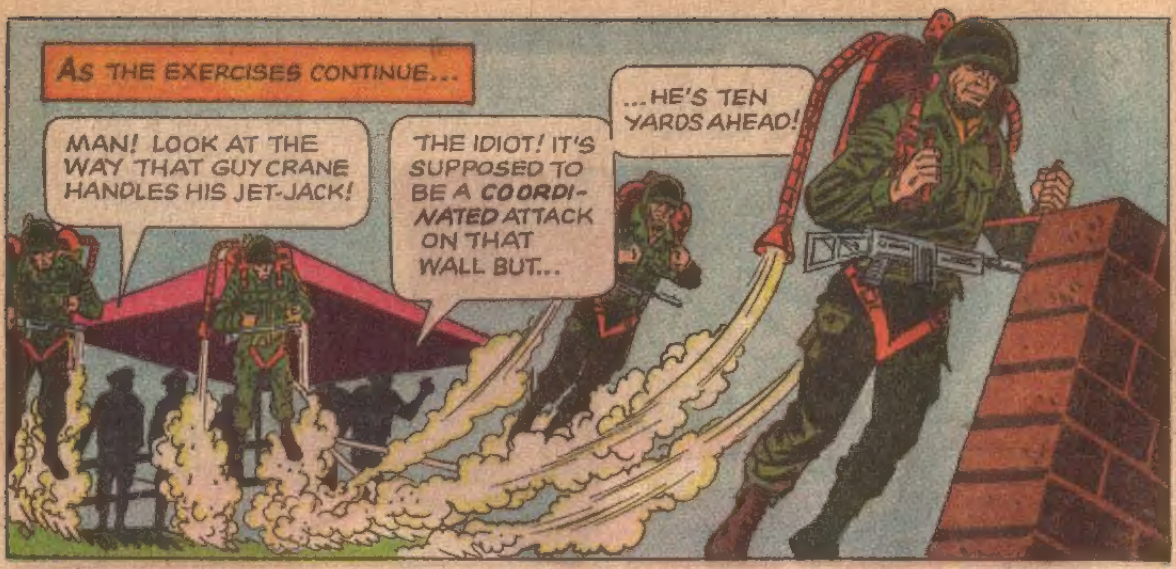

A SIREN! IT'S A PARATROOP DROP!
INVADERS!... THE SKY'S FULL OF THEM!
HOLD IT, YOU TWO!... PUT THOSE GUNS AWAY!
MARS

I JUST REMEMBERED! THEY'RE HOLDING GRADUATION EXERCISES FOR THE TRAINING BATTALION TODAY!
MAN! LOOK AT THAT BIG GUY HANDLE HIS CHUTE! HE'S RIGHT ON TARGET!


AS THE ROOKIE EXPERT SLIPS FROM HIS HARNESS...
SORRY, BUDDY! BUT I WANT TO BE THE FIRST MAN AT THE ASSEMBLY POINT!
HEY, JACE! GIVE ME A HAND!

MEANWHILE, THE VISITORS HAVE BEEN SPOTTED...
GLAD YOU COULD WATCH THE GRADUATION EXERCISES, ADAMS!
IT'S A PLEASURE, COLONEL! SAY, WHO'S THAT FIREBALL?


YOU MEAN THAT ROOKIE WHO'S BURNING UP THE OBSTACLE COURSE? THAT'S JACE CRANE! HE'S A ONE-MAN ARMY WITH A FISTFUL OF MEDALS TO PROVE IT! BUT HE'S ALWAYS PLAYING TO THE GRANDSTAND!


AS THE EXERCISES CONTINUE...
MAN! LOOK AT THE WAY THAT GUY CRANE HANDLES HIS JET-JACK!
THE IDIOT! IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A COORDINATED ATTACK ON THAT WALL BUT...
...HE'S TEN YARDS AHEAD!

AT THE FINAL ASSEMBLY, AFTER THE ADVANCED SQUAD IS INTRODUCED TO THE GRADUATES...
YAAYY MARS!
TO THESE MEN, LIEUTENANT...
YOU'RE ALL HEROES! THEY'D GIVE AN ARM TO JOIN YOUR SQUAD! TAKE YOUR PICK!
I ALREADY HAVE, COLONEL!

THE MAN I WANT IS JACE CRANE!
CRANE? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING, LIEUTENANT! I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

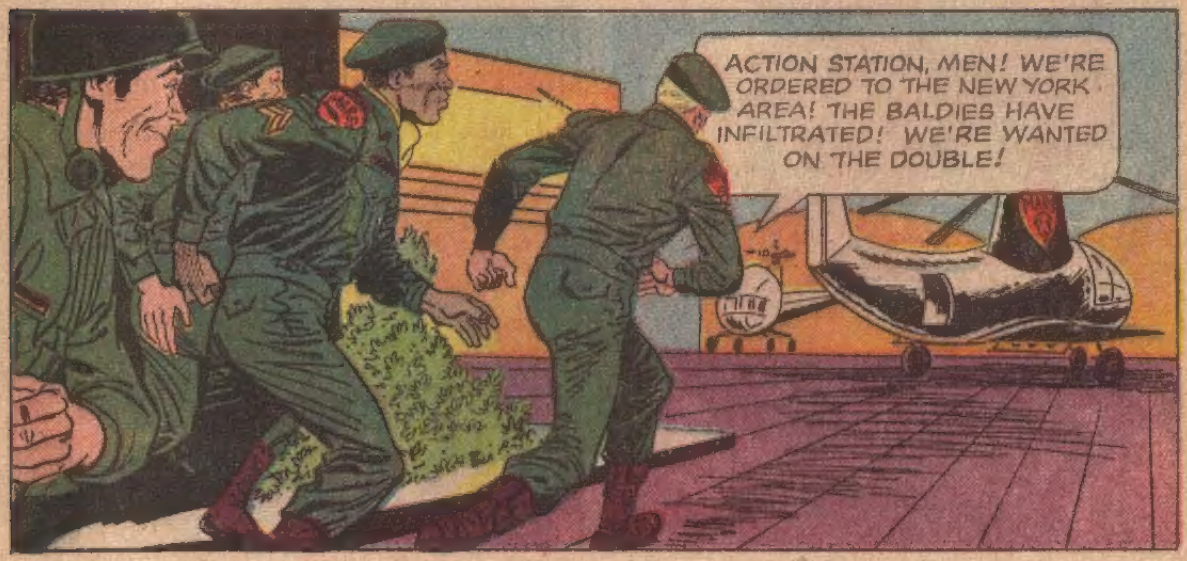
ATTENTION! PRIVATE JACE CRANE... REPORT TO THE COMMANDANT'S OFFICE AT ONCE!

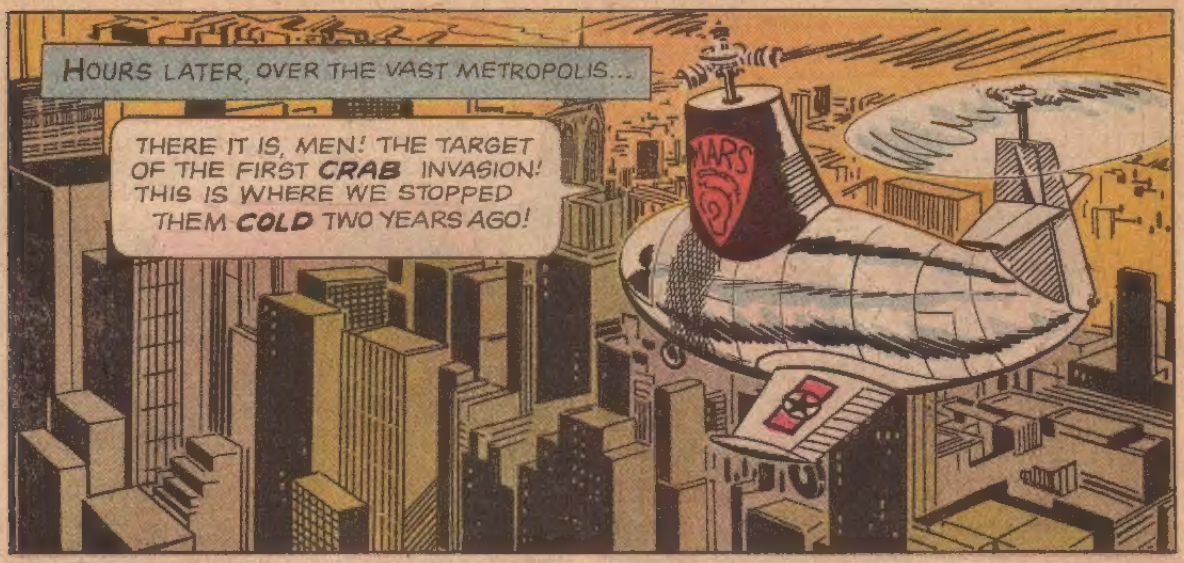
PRESENTLY, THE RECRUIT IS INFORMED...
ME ON THE ADVANCED TRAINING SQUAD? IT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN BUCKING FOR, LIEUTENANT! YOU WON'T BE SORRY YOU PICKED ME!

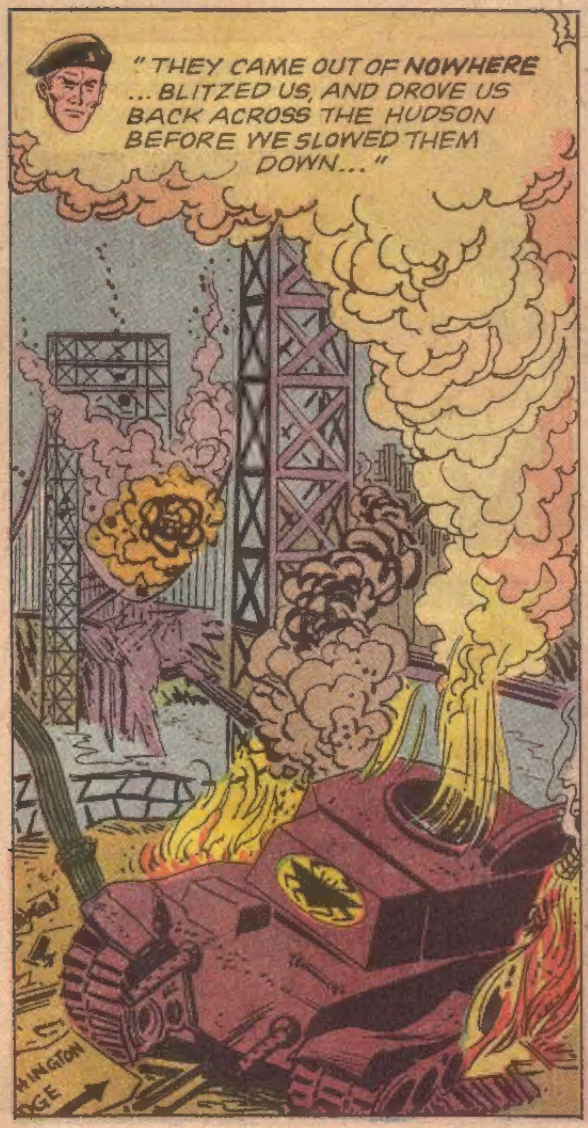
I'VE STUDIED THE SKINHEAD COMBAT TACTICS, SIR! JUST WAIT TILL I MEET UP WITH THEM... EYEBALL TO EYEBALL! GIVE ME A CRACK AT THEM AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TOUGH A MARS MAN CAN BE!

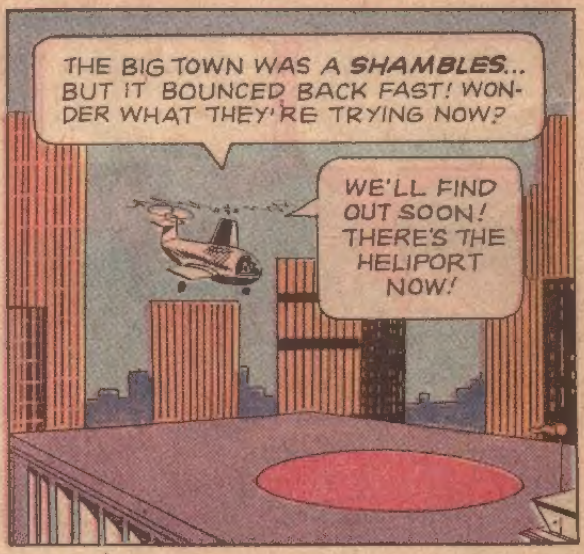
WE SURE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE HIM ON OUR TEAM, HIRO!
A REAL TIGER, JOE-BABY! HE TALKS A GOOD FIGHT!

JUST THEN...
LT. ADAMS, A MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM MARSCOM*!
*MARS COMMAND


ACTION STATION, MEN! WE'RE ORDERED TO THE NEW YORK AREA! THE BALDIES HAVE INFILTRATED! WE'RE WANTED ON THE DOUBLE!


HOURS LATER, OVER THE VAST METROPOLIS...
THERE IT IS, MEN! THE TARGET OF THE FIRST CRAB INVASION! THIS IS WHERE WE STOPPED THEM COLD TWO YEARS AGO!
MARS


"THEY CAME OUT OF NOWHERE ... BLITZED US, AND DROVE US BACK ACROSS THE HUDSON BEFORE WE SLOWED THEM DOWN..."


THE BIG TOWN WAS A SHAMBLES... BUT IT BOUNCED BACK FAST! WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TRYING NOW?
WE'LL FIND OUT SOON! THERE'S THE HELIPORT NOW!

SOON...
A MOTORCYCLE ESCORT, YET! WE MUST BE VIPs ... OR ELSE SOMEONE IS IN A HURRY TO SEE US!
POLICE
MARS
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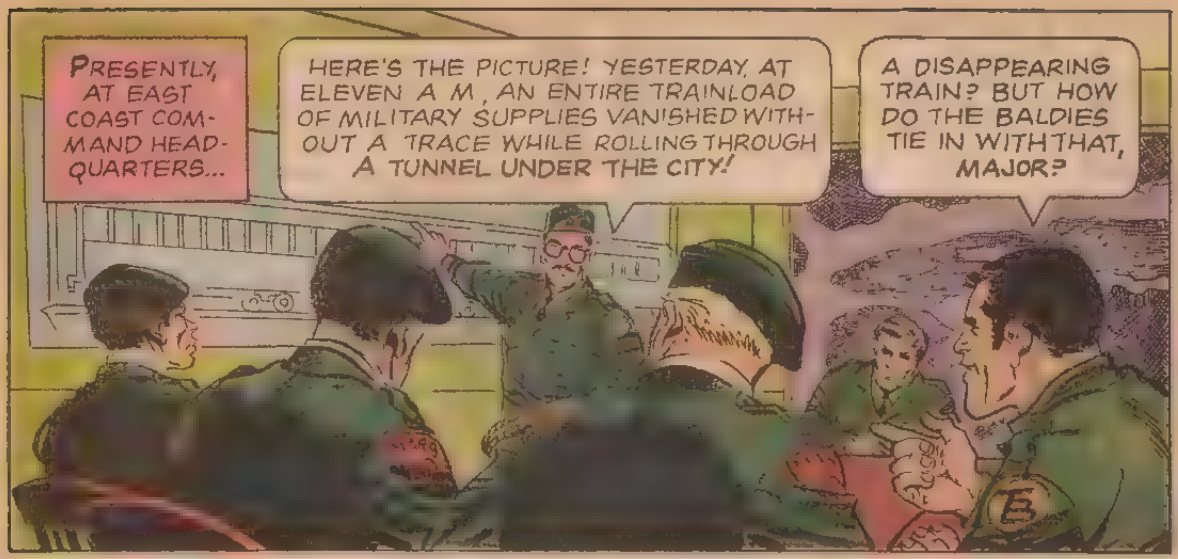
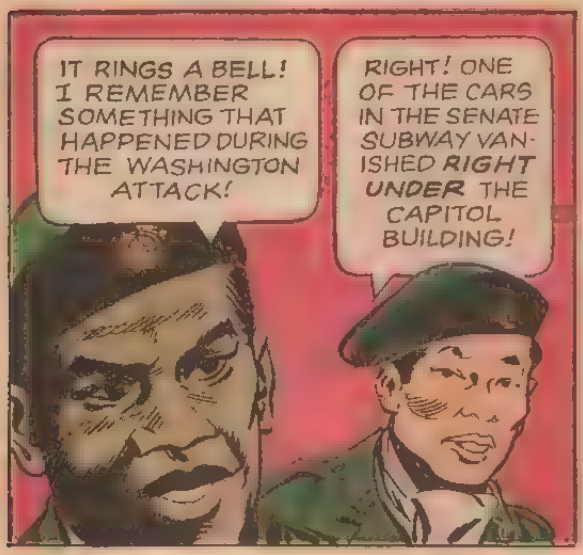
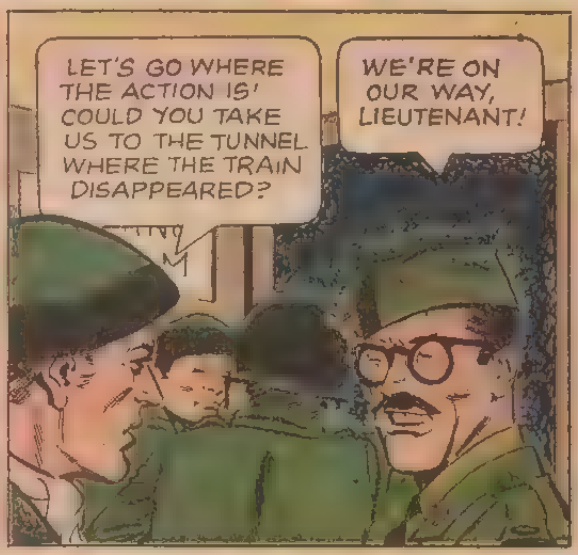
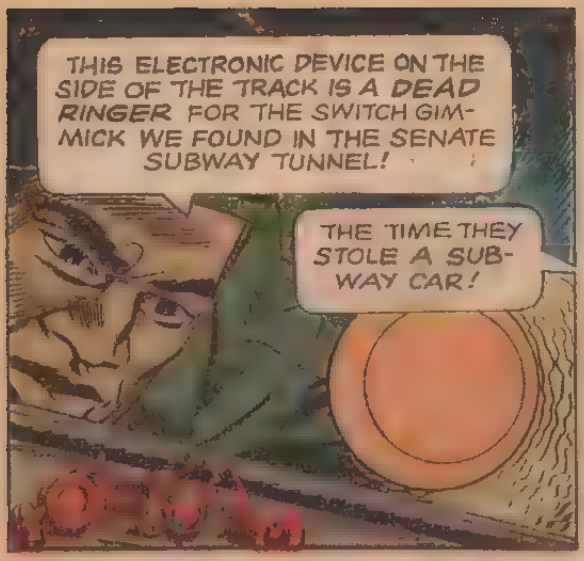

PRESENTLY, AT EAST COAST COMMAND HEADQUARTERS...
HERE'S THE PICTURE! YESTERDAY, AT ELEVEN A M, AN ENTIRE TRAINLOAD OF MILITARY SUPPLIES VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE WHILE ROLLING THROUGH A TUNNEL UNDER THE CITY!
A DISAPPEARING TRAIN? BUT HOW DO THE BALDIES TIE IN WITH THAT, MAJOR?

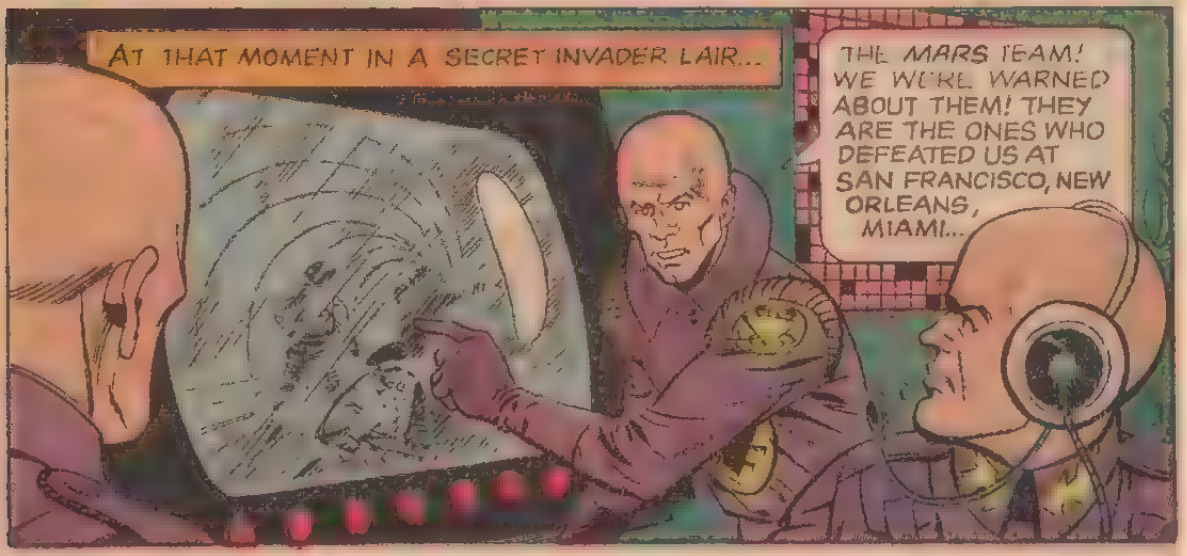

IT RINGS A BELL! I REMEMBER SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED DURING THE WASHINGTON ATTACK!
RIGHT! ONE OF THE CARS IN THE SENATE SUBWAY VANISHED RIGHT UNDER THE CAPITOL BUILDING!

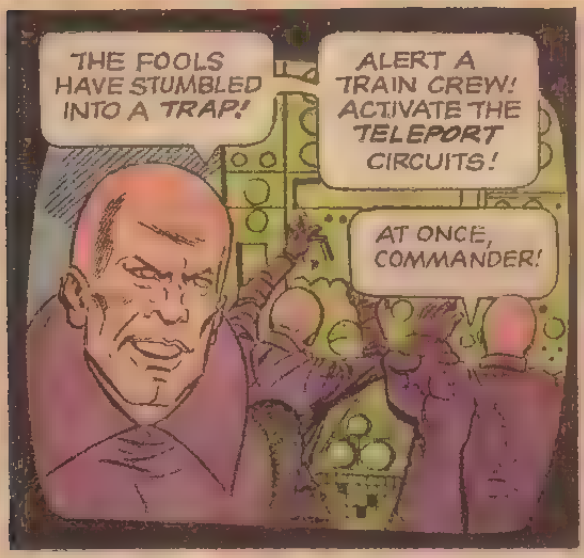

LET'S GO WHERE THE ACTION IS! COULD YOU TAKE US TO THE TUNNEL WHERE THE TRAIN DISAPPEARED?
WE'RE ON OUR WAY, LIEUTENANT!

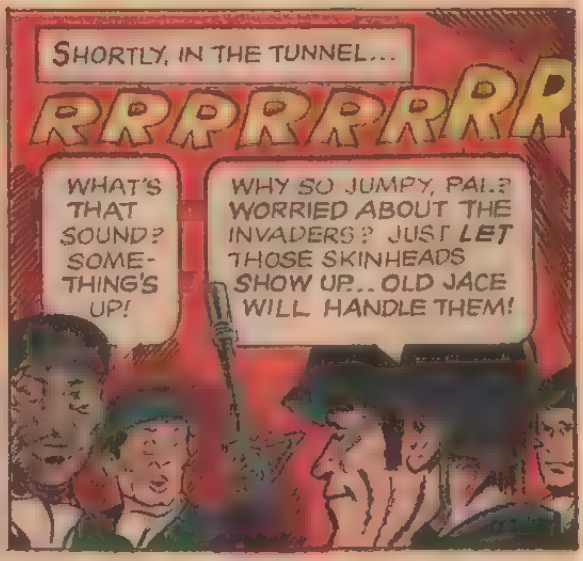
SHORTLY, FAR BELOW MANHATTAN...
ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS...
TRAIN NUMBER 411, WITH 40 CARS OF HIGHLY CLASSIFIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT, VANISHED ON THIS STRETCH OF TRACK AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN!
SKIPPER... I THINK I HAVE THE ANSWER!

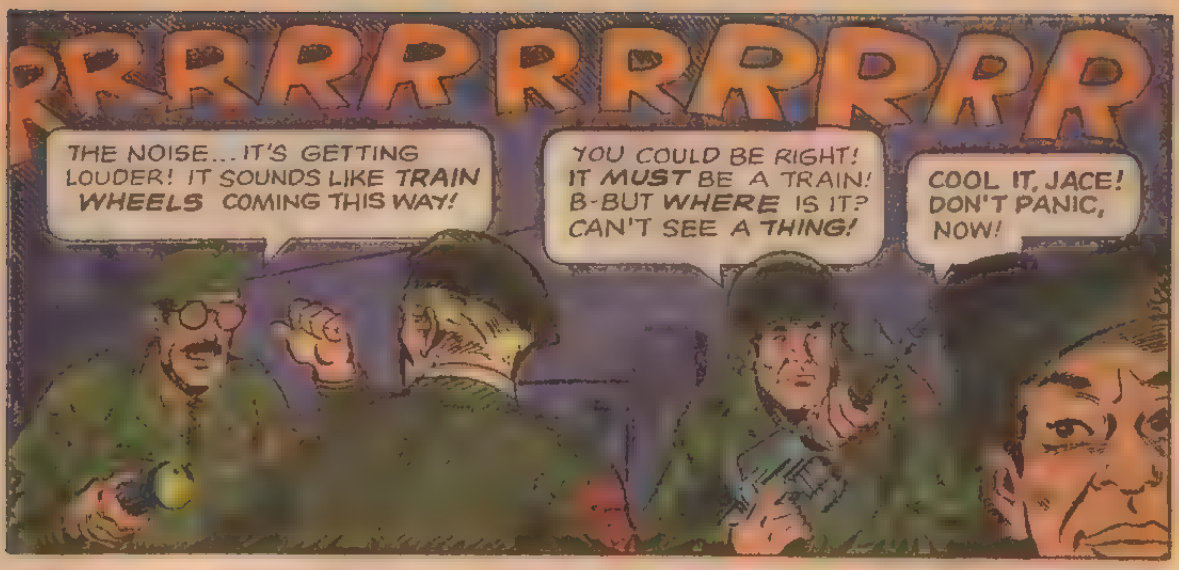

THIS ELECTRONIC DEVICE ON THE SIDE OF THE TRACK IS A DEAD RINGER FOR THE SWITCH GIMMICK WE FOUND IN THE SENATE SUBWAY TUNNEL!
THE TIME THEY STOLE A SUBWAY CAR!

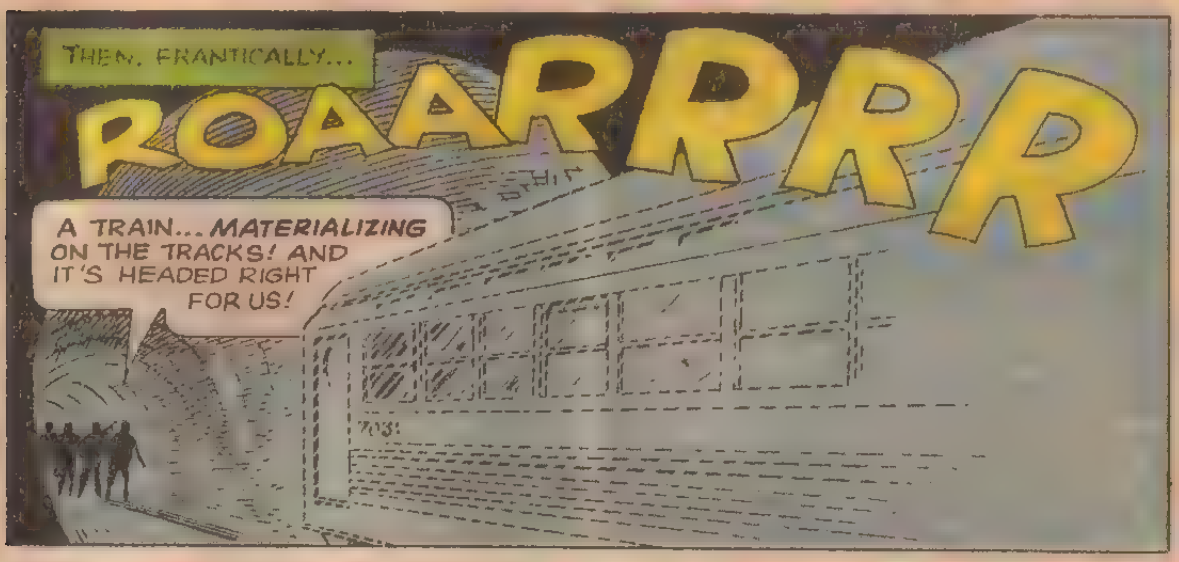
THEY HID THE CAR IN A SECRET BRANCH TUNNEL! BUT THIS TIME THERE'S NO SIGN OF A HIDDEN TUBE!
SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?


AT THAT MOMENT IN A SECRET INVADER LAIR...
THE MARS TEAM! WE WERE WARNED ABOUT THEM! THEY ARE THE ONES WHO DEFEATED US AT SAN FRANCISCO, NEW ORLEANS, MIAMI...

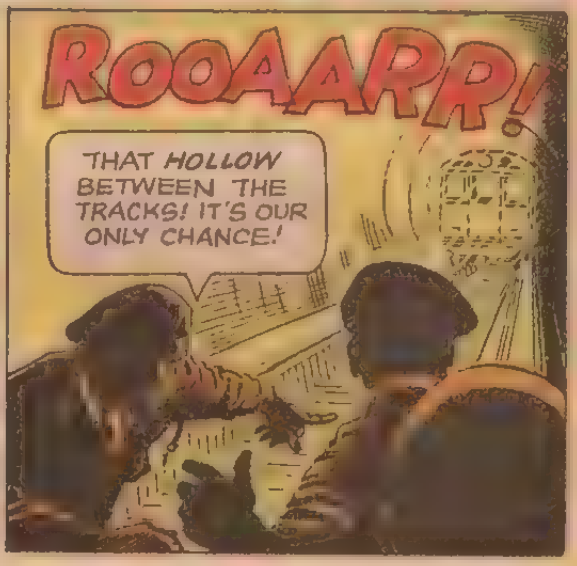

THE FOOLS HAVE STUMBLED INTO A TRAP!
ALERT A TRAIN CREW! ACTIVATE THE TELEPORT CIRCUITS!
AT ONCE, COMMANDER!


SHORTLY, IN THE TUNNEL...
RRRRRRRRR
WHAT'S THAT SOUND? SOMETHING'S UP!
WHY SO JUMPY, PAL? WORRIED ABOUT THE INVADERS? JUST LET THOSE SKINHEADS SHOW UP... OLD JACE WILL HANDLE THEM!


RRRRRRRRRRRR
THE NOISE... IT'S GETTING LOUDER! IT SOUNDS LIKE TRAIN WHEELS COMING THIS WAY!
YOU COULD BE RIGHT! IT MUST BE A TRAIN! B-BUT WHERE IS IT? CAN'T SEE A THING!
COOL IT, JACE! DON'T PANIC, NOW!

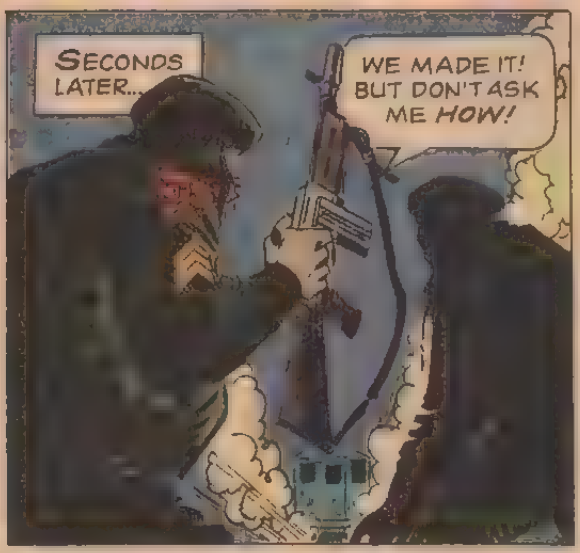

THEN, FRANTICALLY...
ROAARRRR
A TRAIN... MATERIALIZING ON THE TRACKS! AND IT'S HEADED RIGHT FOR US!

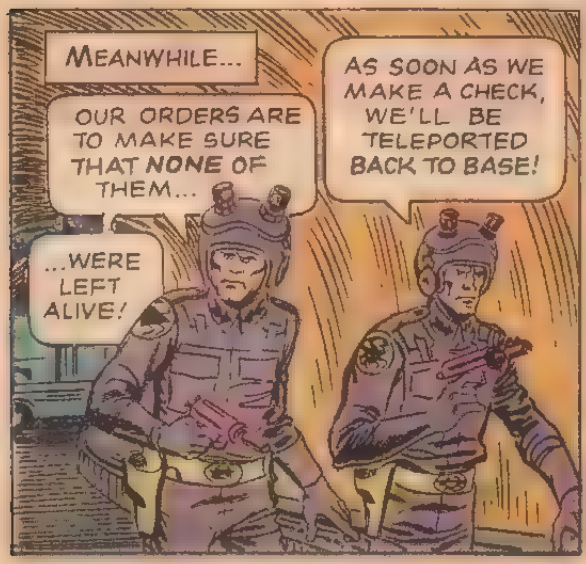
WE'RE TRAPPED! RUN, EVERYBODY!
JACE, NO! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A PRAYER!

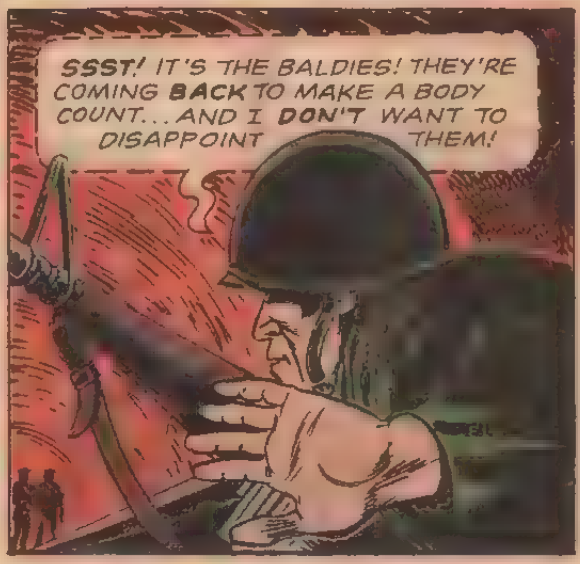

ROOAARR!
THAT HOLLOW BETWEEN THE TRACKS! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

RROOARR!
HIT THE DECK! ... FAST!

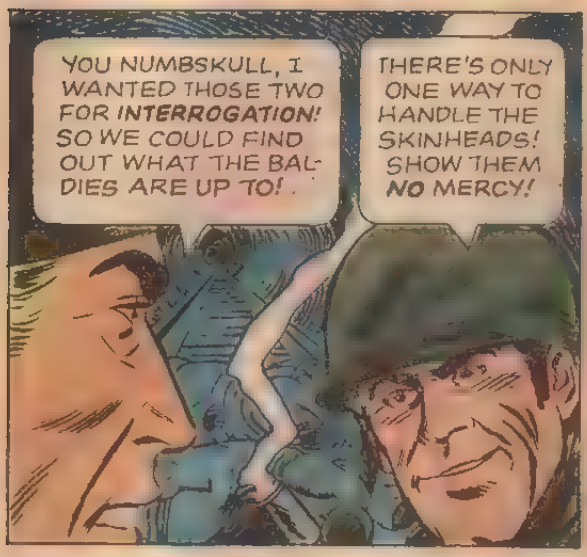
JACE! FLATTEN YOURSELF! HUG THAT CONCRETE LIKE A COAT OF PAINT!

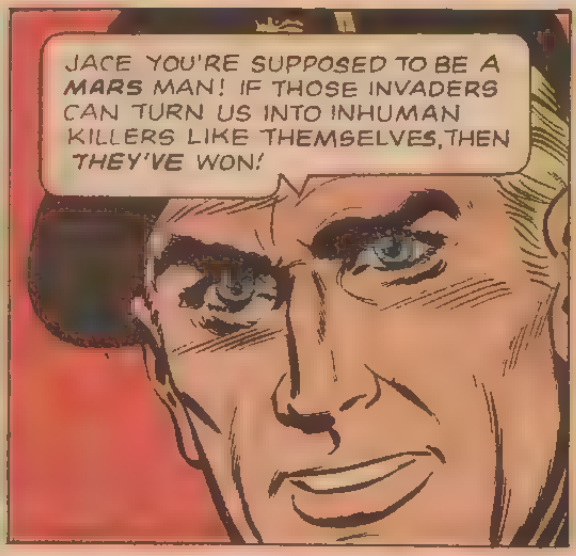

SECONDS LATER...
WE MADE IT! BUT DON'T ASK ME HOW!

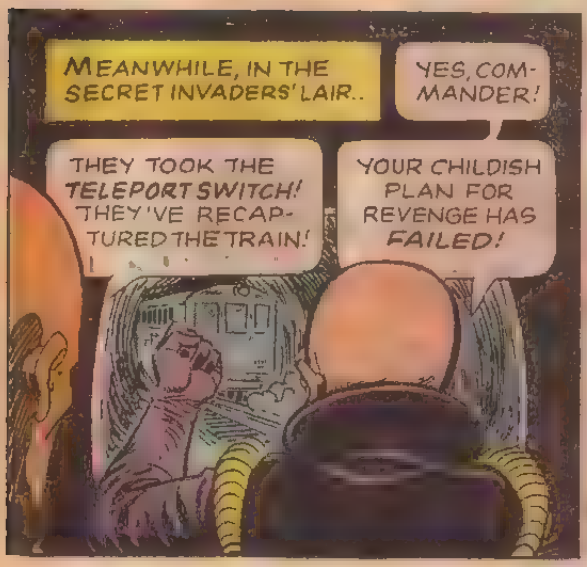

MEANWHILE...
OUR ORDERS ARE TO MAKE SURE THAT NONE OF THEM...
...WERE LEFT ALIVE!
AS SOON AS WE MAKE A CHECK, WE'LL BE TELEPORTED BACK TO BASE!

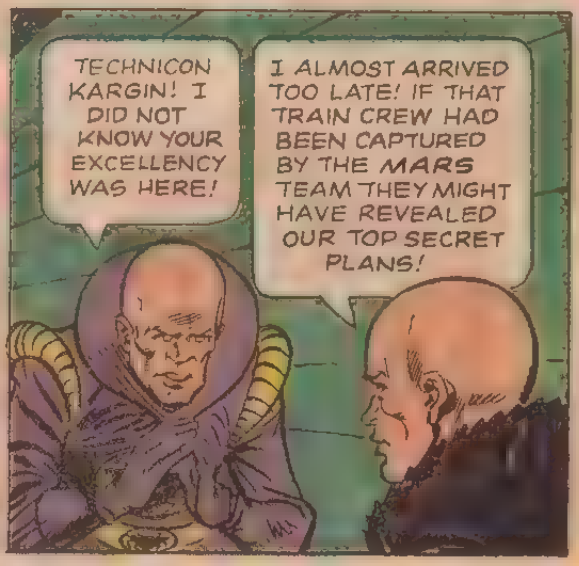

SSST! IT'S THE BALDIES! THEY'RE COMING BACK TO MAKE A BODY COUNT... AND I DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT THEM!

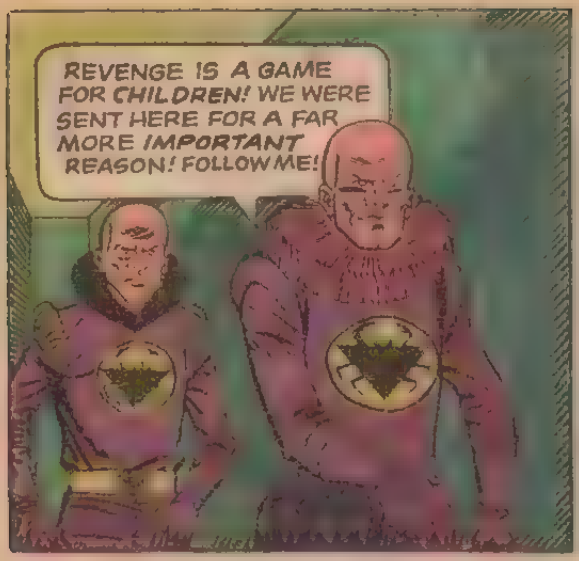
EEYAH!
POW!
POW!
POW!
SO YOU WANT TOTAL WAR, YOU CREEPS! WELL, HERE IT IS! HAVE A BELLYFUL OF IT!
JACE, NO! HOLD YOUR FIRE!

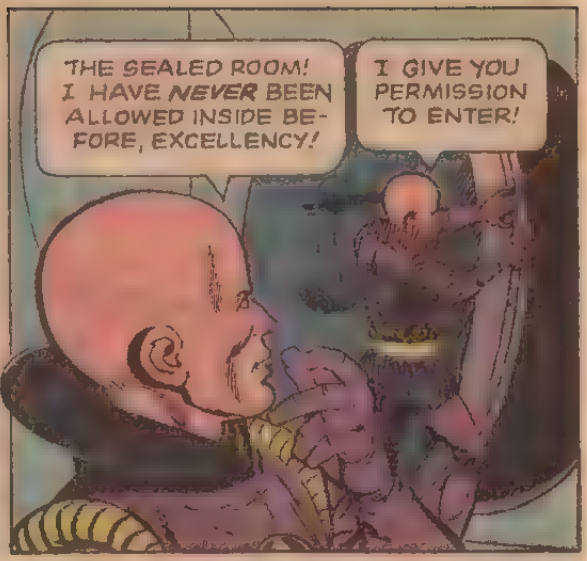

YOU NUMBSKULL, I WANTED THOSE TWO FOR INTERROGATION! SO WE COULD FIND OUT WHAT THE BALDIES ARE UP TO!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HANDLE THE SKINHEADS! SHOW THEM NO MERCY!


JACE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A MARS MAN! IF THOSE INVADERS CAN TURN US INTO INHUMAN KILLERS LIKE THEMSELVES, THEN THEY'VE WON!


MEANWHILE, IN THE SECRET INVADERS' LAIR..
YES, COMMANDER!
THEY TOOK THE TELEPORT SWITCH! THEY'VE RECAPTURED THE TRAIN!
YOUR CHILDISH PLAN FOR REVENGE HAS FAILED!


TECHNICON KARGIN! I DID NOT KNOW YOUR EXCELLENCY WAS HERE!
I ALMOST ARRIVED TOO LATE! IF THAT TRAIN CREW HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE MARS TEAM THEY MIGHT HAVE REVEALED OUR TOP SECRET PLANS!


REVENGE IS A GAME FOR CHILDREN! WE WERE SENT HERE FOR A FAR MORE IMPORTANT REASON! FOLLOW ME!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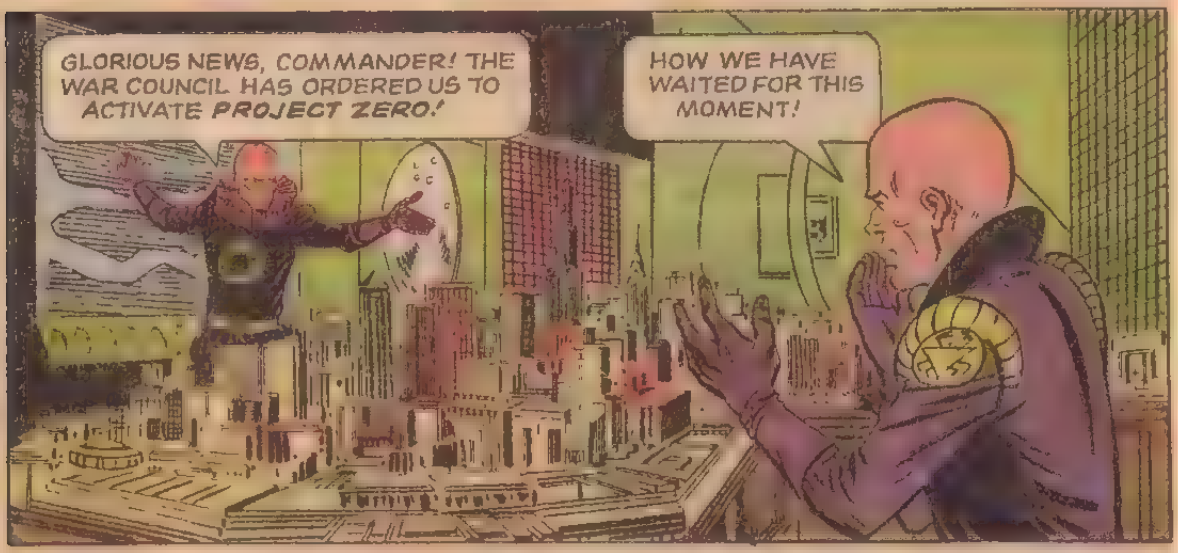
I GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO ENTER!


GLORIOUS NEWS, COMMANDER! THE WAR COUNCIL HAS ORDERED US TO ACTIVATE PROJECT ZERO!
HOW WE HAVE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT!

MOMENTS LATER, FROM THOUSANDS OF MANHOLES, CREVICES AND APERTURES, A MENACING MIST DRIFTS UPWARD...
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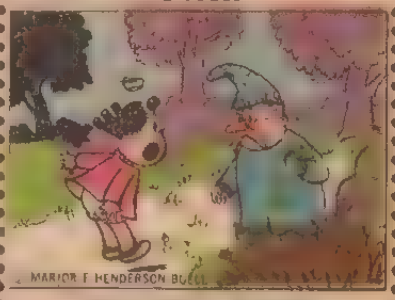
She has a hair-raising experience when she meets the frog wizard. He says he's turned Tubby into a frog and only Little Lulu can lift his magic spell. That's one of the Springtime Fun stories in next month's LITTLE LULU.



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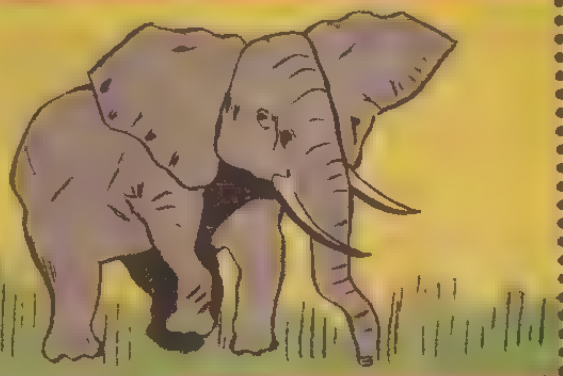

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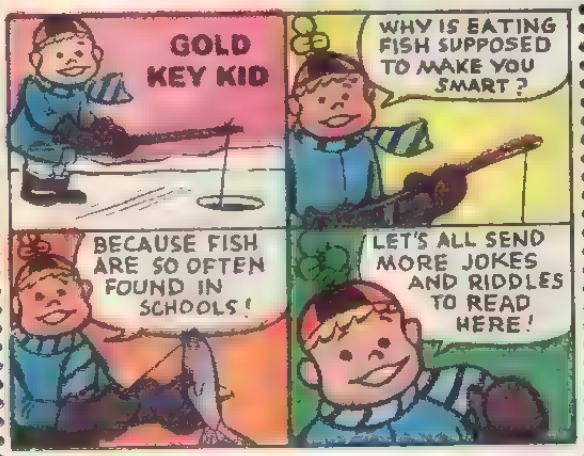

Riddle: Why are horses hard to get along with?
Answer: They always say "neigh."
Sherry Gail Griffith—Worthington, Ohio

Riddle: How many balls of string would it take to reach the moon?
Answer: Just one, but it would have to be a big one.
Steven Selton—La Verne, California

Riddle: What did the elephant say to the ant?
Answer: I have a terrible crush on you.
Cindy Hamilton—Hayward, California

Waiter: Would you like your coffee black?
Customer: What other colors do your have?
Janet LaBonte—Concordia, Kansas

Riddle: What do ghosts eat for supper?
Answer: Fright chicken.
Cathy Cook—Atlanta, Georgia

Mom: Did you fall down with your new pants on?
Tom: Yes, there wasn't time to take them off.
Angela Muncillo—Omaha, Nebraska

Father: Congratulations. You usually talk on the phone for two hours, but only 45 minutes this time. Why?
Daughter: Well, this time it was a wrong number
Tina Ruppert—Gaithersburg, Maryland

Riddle: Why did the farmer name his hog Ink?
Answer: Because he kept running out of the pen.
Diane Uchrin—Fords, New Jersey

Riddle: Why is a cat longer at night than in the morning?
Answer: Because he's let out at night and taken in in the morning.
David Newton—Fresno, California

Mother: Would you like some more alphabet soup?
Daughter: No thanks, Ma. I couldn't eat another syllable.
Stephen MacDougall—Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada

Pat: What are you taking for your cold?
Fred: I don't know. How much will you give me?
Brenda VanTasell—DeSoto, Kansas

Riddle: What kind of fish do dogs like to chase?
Answer: Catfish.
Donna Kresky—Owego, New York

Riddle: What did Tennessee?
Answer: The same thing Arkansas.
Susan Fleming—Spartanburg, South Carolina

Teacher: Sam, what is your favorite state?
Sam: Mississippi.
Teacher: How do you spell it?
Sam: Er . . . I like Ohio much better.
Larry Mar—Cumberland, British Columbia, Canada

Riddle: What are the biggest ants in the world?
Answer: Gi-ants.
Belinda Villanueva—Coleman, Texas

Jack: Which game do you think is the best?
Tom: The one I win.
Danny Saepo—Indianapolis, Indiana

Hope: Ouch! That hot water burned my hand.
Mope: You should have felt it before you put your hand in it.
Annette Moisan—Newburyport, Massachusetts

Lor: I wish I was born 400 years ago
Joanne: Why?
Lor: Because I wouldn't have had to learn so much history.
Roberta Shelofsky—Orangeburg, New York

Farmer Boy: My father can't decide whether to buy a cow or a tractor.
City Boy: He'd look funny riding a cow.
Farmer Boy: Well, he'd look even funnier milking a tractor
Greg Pollestad—Munich, North Dakota

Riddle: Why do dragons sleep in the daytime?
Answer: So they can hunt knights.
Sharon Anne Clark—Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

Farmer: Would you like to take this chicken home to eat?
Marvin: Yes, I would — but what does it eat?
Patricia Guelker—St. Louis, Missouri

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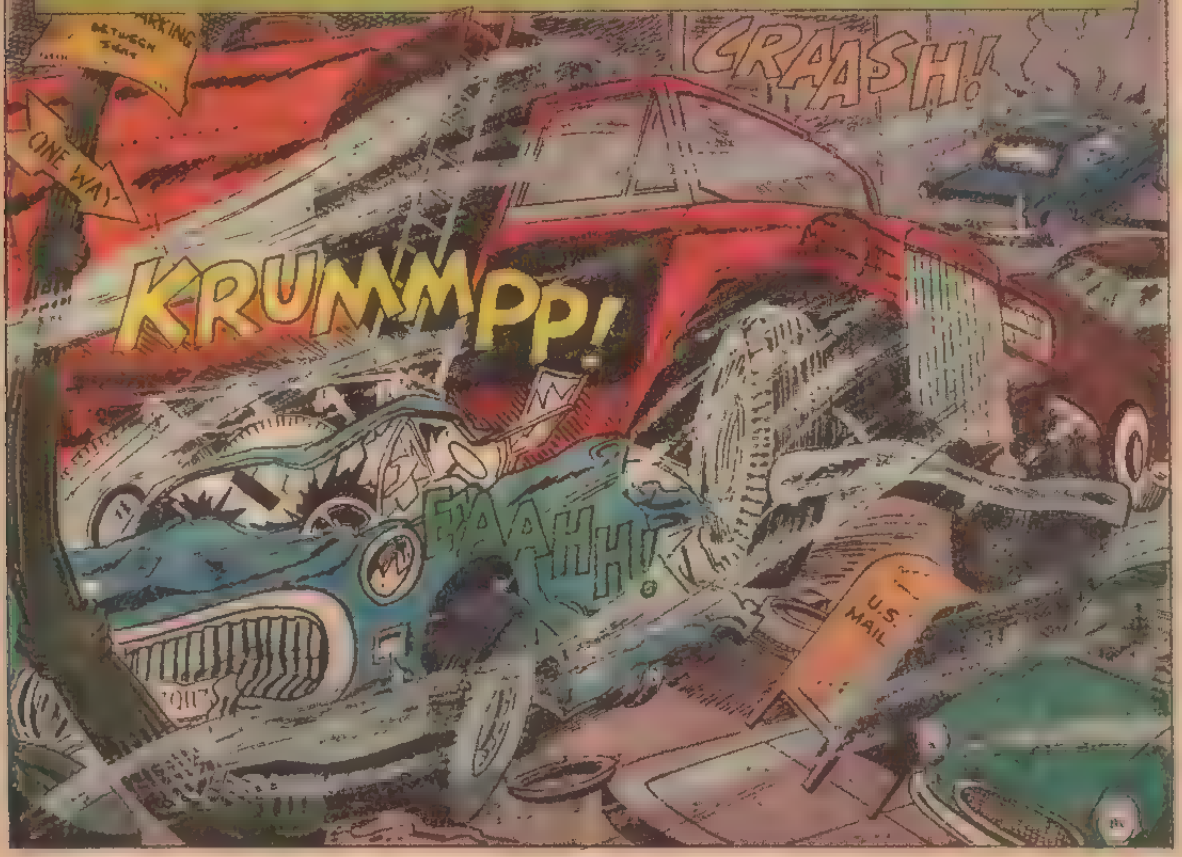
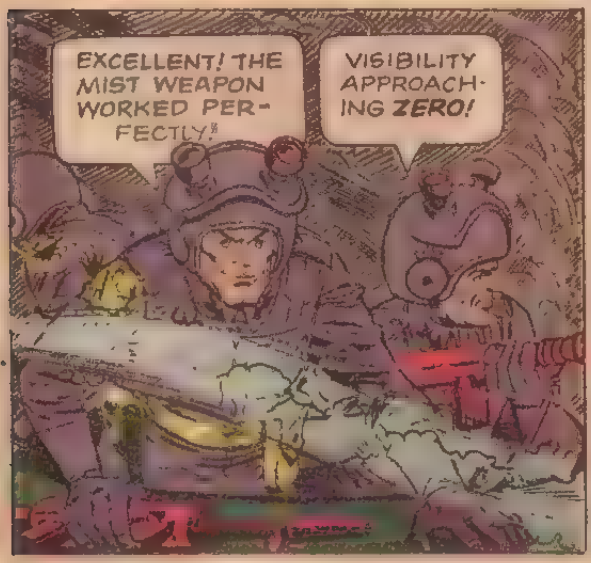
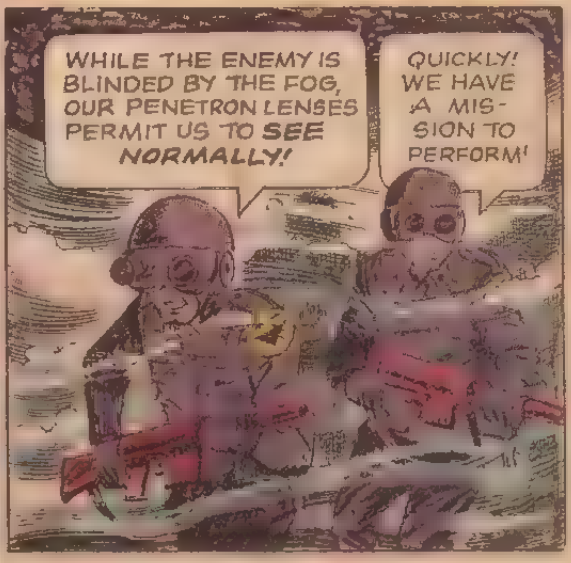
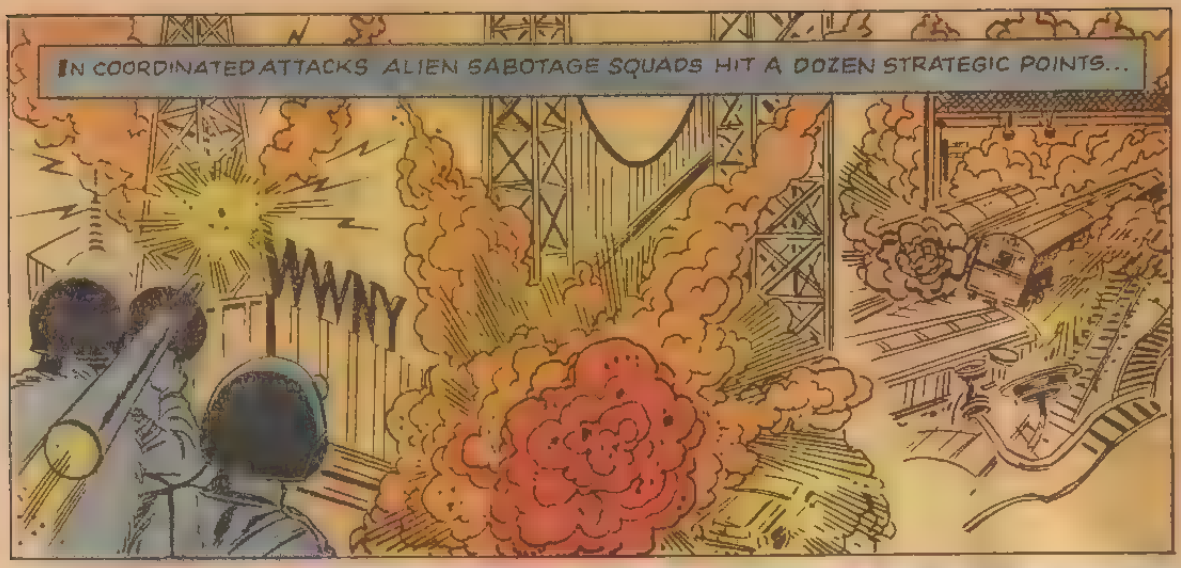
PART 2

UNDER THE SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK, THE INVADERS HAVE SET UP THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS FOR A SUPER-SECRET MISSION! AND NOW PROJECT ZERO GETS UNDER WAY WITH THE TESTING OF A NEW WEAPON WHICH UNLEASHES A BLINDING FOG--A REAL LONDON PEA-SOUPER--ON MANHATTAN...

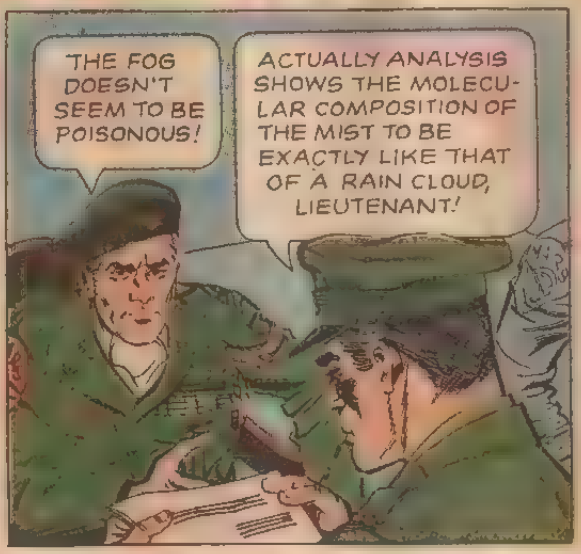


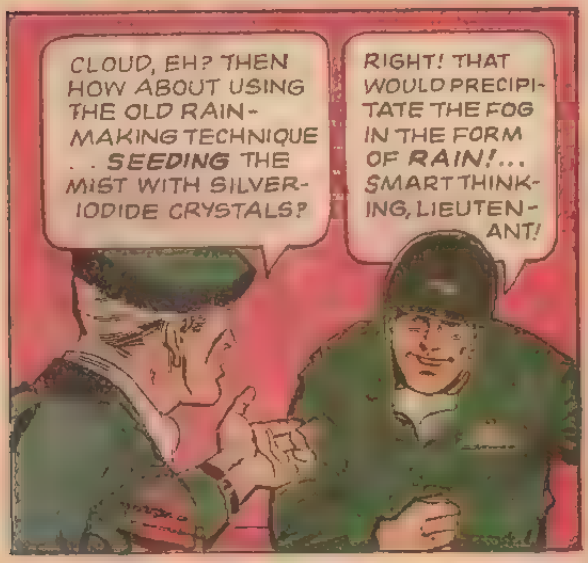


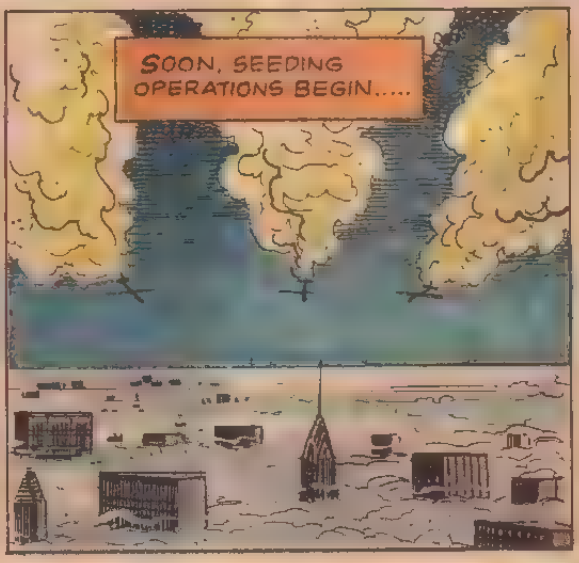


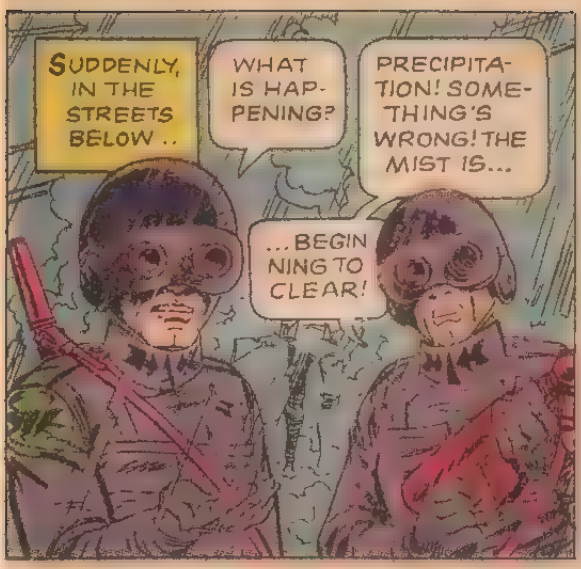

IN COORDINATED ATTACKS ALIEN SABOTAGE SQUADS HIT A DOZEN STRATEGIC POINTS...
WWWNY

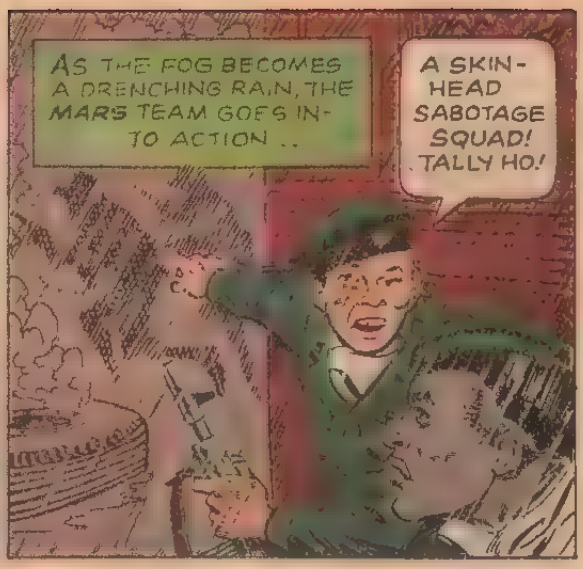
THE MARS TEAM IS SUMMONED TO AN EMERGENCY CONFERENCE
THIS FOG IS OBVIOUSLY A BALDIE WEAPON! THEY'RE USING IT TO ATTACK RAIL YARDS, BRIDGEHEADS AND POWER LINES! WE'RE POWERLESS! IT'S LIKE FIGHTING GHOSTS!

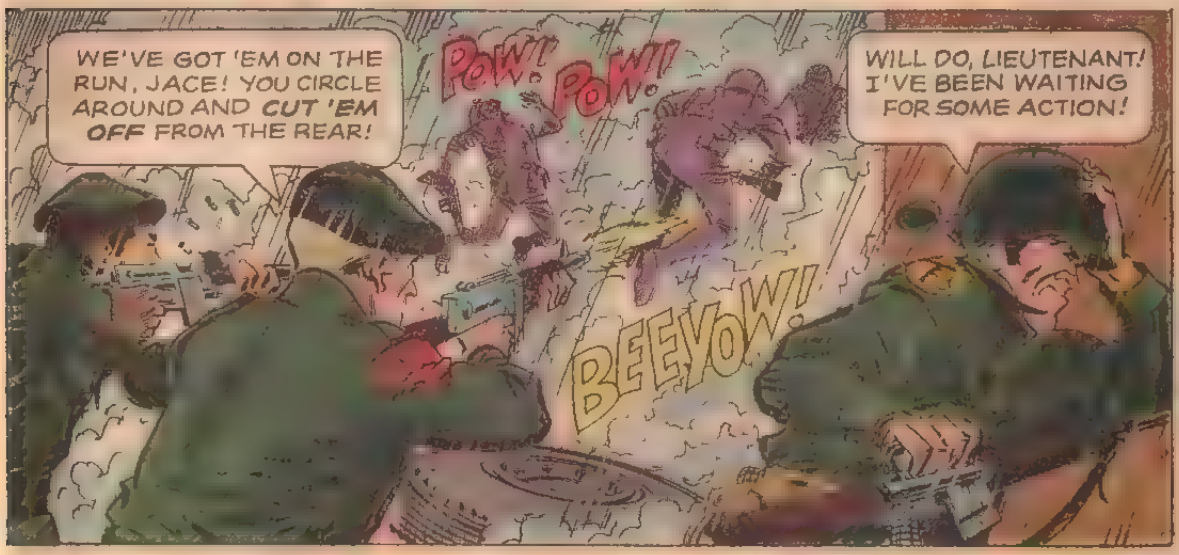

THE FOG DOESN'T SEEM TO BE POISONOUS!
ACTUALLY ANALYSIS SHOWS THE MOLECULAR COMPOSITION OF THE MIST TO BE EXACTLY LIKE THAT OF A RAIN CLOUD, LIEUTENANT!


CLOUD, EH? THEN HOW ABOUT USING THE OLD RAIN-MAKING TECHNIQUE . . SEEDING THE MIST WITH SILVER-IODIDE CRYSTALS?
RIGHT! THAT WOULD PRECIPITATE THE FOG IN THE FORM OF RAIN!... SMART THINKING, LIEUTENANT!

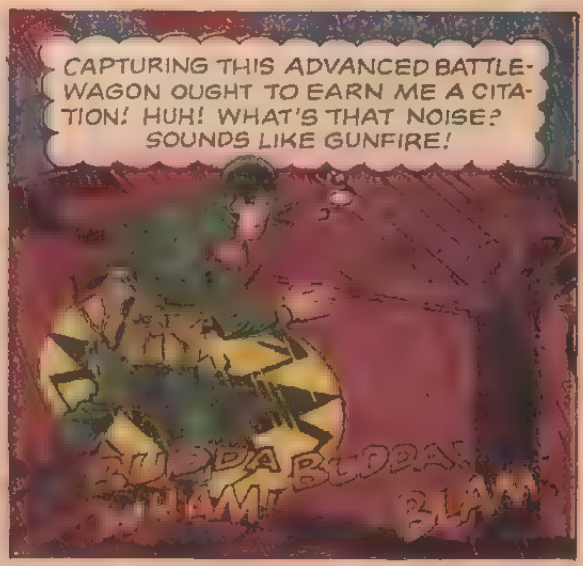

SOON, SEEDING OPERATIONS BEGIN.....

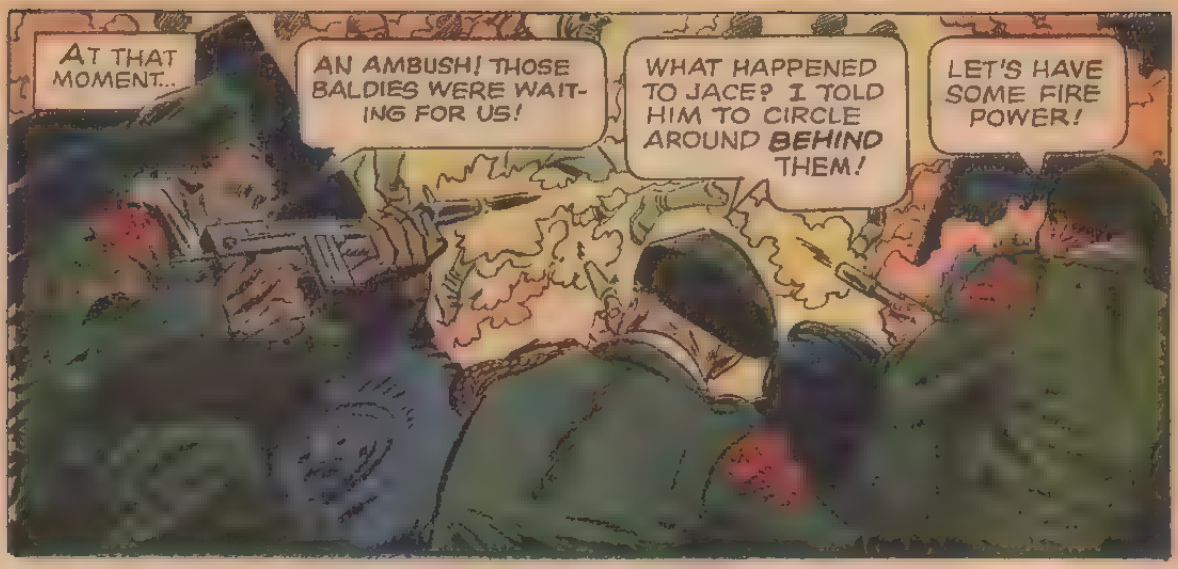

SUDDENLY, IN THE STREETS BELOW ..
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
PRECIPITATION! SOMETHING'S WRONG! THE MIST IS...
...BEGINNING TO CLEAR!

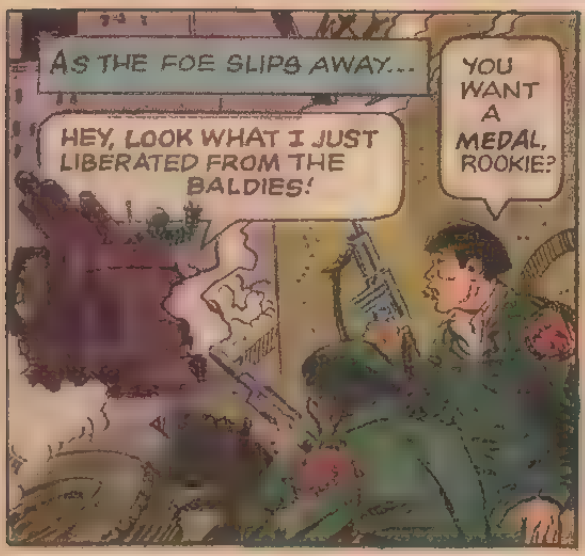

AS THE FOG BECOMES A DRENCHING RAIN, THE MARS TEAM GOES INTO ACTION ..
A SKINHEAD SABOTAGE SQUAD! TALLY HO!

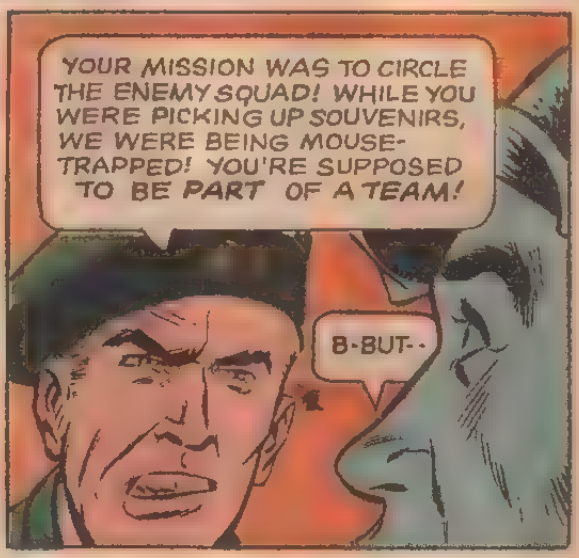

WE'VE GOT 'EM ON THE RUN, JACE! YOU CIRCLE AROUND AND CUT 'EM OFF FROM THE REAR!
POW!
POW!
BEEYOW!
WILL DO, LIEUTENANT! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SOME ACTION!

BUT MOMENTS LATER...
WOW! A BALDIE WEAPONS CARRIER ...ABANDONED! MAN! LOOK AT ALL THE HARDWARE!

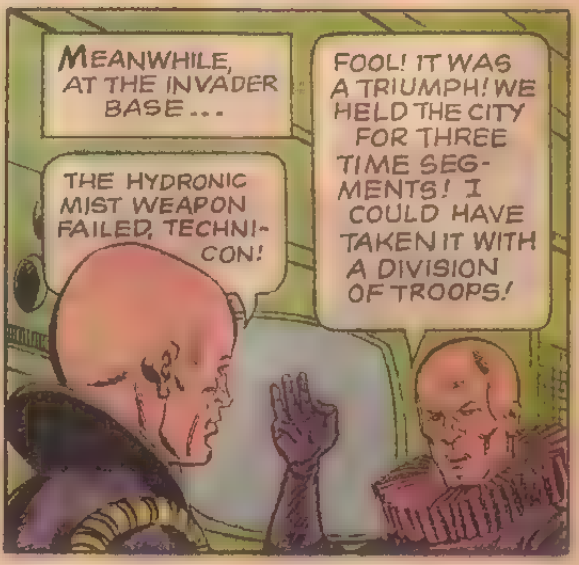

CAPTURING THIS ADVANCED BATTLEWAGON OUGHT TO EARN ME A CITATION! HUH! WHAT'S THAT NOISE? SOUNDS LIKE GUNFIRE!
BUDDA BUDDA
BLAM


AT THAT MOMENT...
AN AMBUSH! THOSE BALDIES WERE WAITING FOR US!
WHAT HAPPENED TO JACE? I TOLD HIM TO CIRCLE AROUND BEHIND THEM!
LET'S HAVE SOME FIRE POWER!


AS THE FOE SLIPS AWAY...
HEY, LOOK WHAT I JUST LIBERATED FROM THE BALDIES!
YOU WANT A MEDAL, ROOKIE?

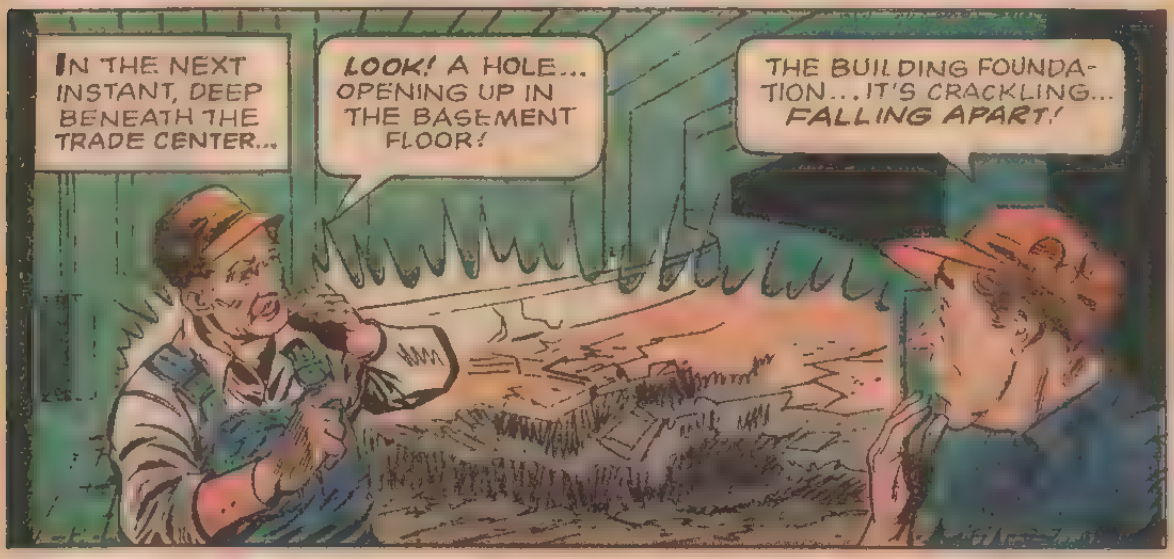

YOUR MISSION WAS TO CIRCLE THE ENEMY SQUAD! WHILE YOU WERE PICKING UP SOUVENIRS, WE WERE BEING MOUSE-TRAPPED! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF A TEAM!
B-BUT--

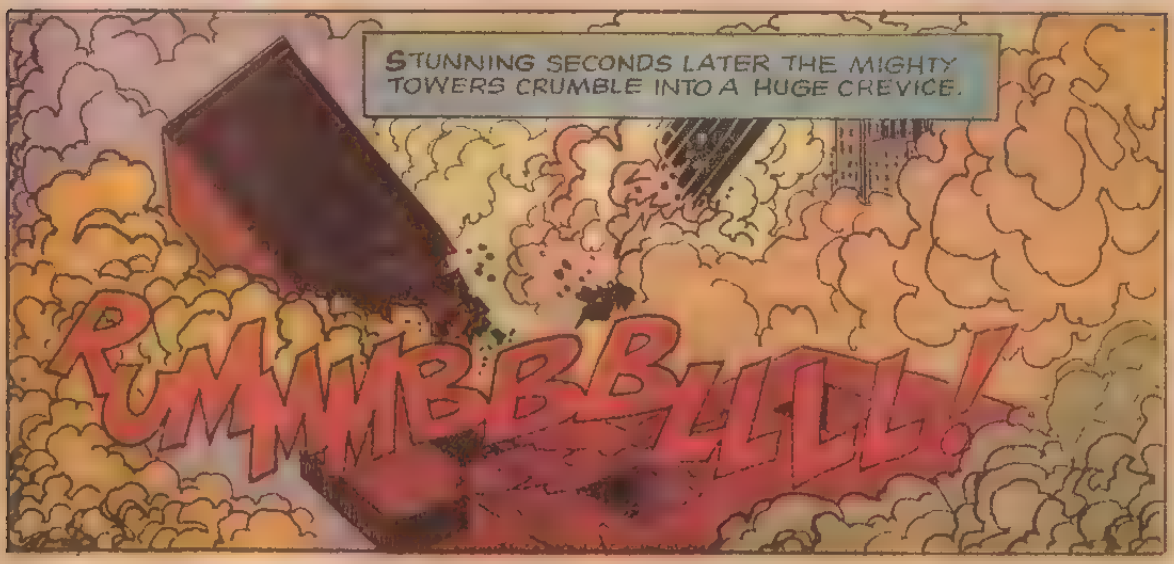
WE'VE HAD IT, MISTER! ONE MORE GRANDSTAND PLAY AND IT'S A COURT-MARTIAL! DO YOU READ ME?
L-LOUD AND CLEAR, SIR!

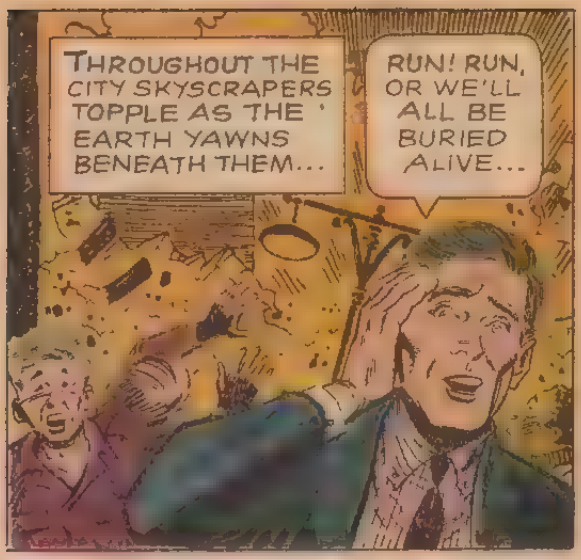

MEANWHILE, AT THE INVADER BASE...
THE HYDRONIC MIST WEAPON FAILED, TECHNICON!
FOOL! IT WAS A TRIUMPH! WE HELD THE CITY FOR THREE TIME SEGMENTS! I COULD HAVE TAKEN IT WITH A DIVISION OF TROOPS!

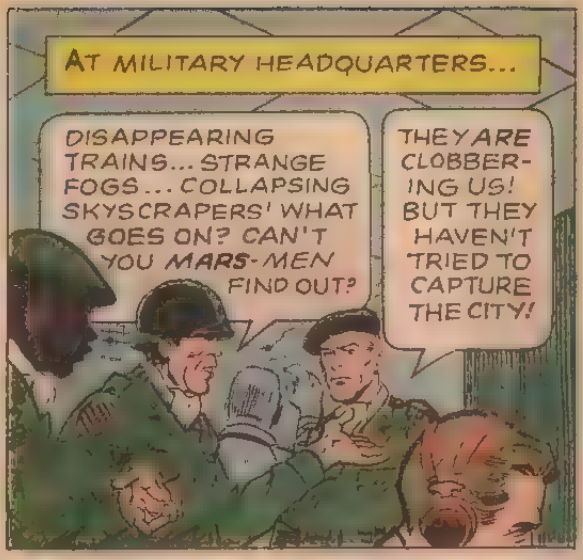
BUT OUR MISSION IS TO COMPLETE PROJECT ZERO...THE TESTING OF A NEW SERIES OF WEAPONS DESIGNED TO DEMORALIZE AND DESTROY EARTH'S GREATEST POPULATION CENTERS!

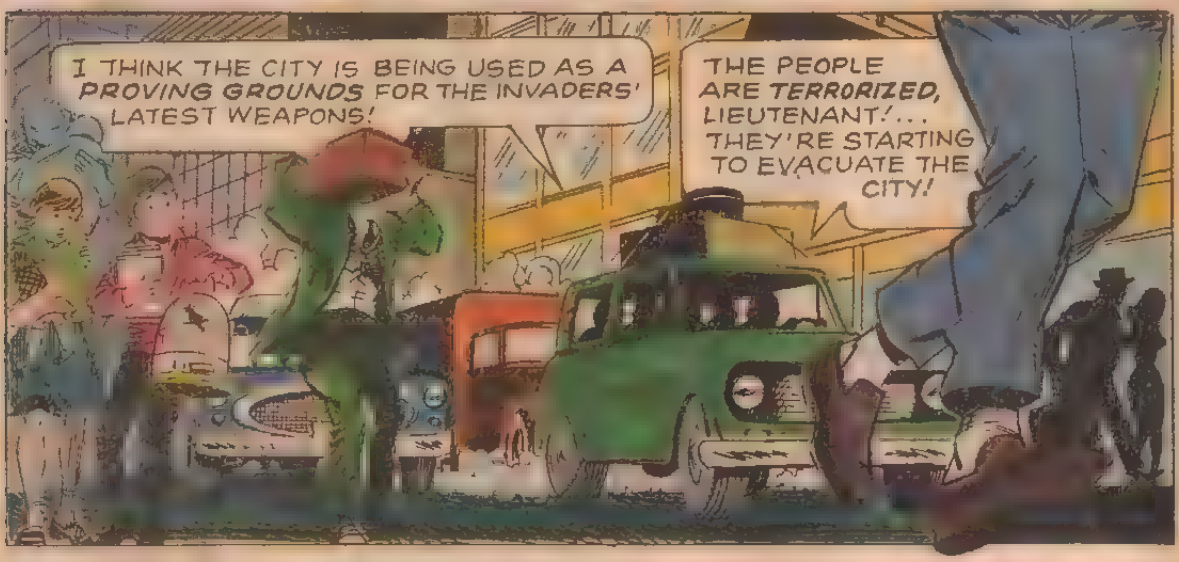
NOW TO TEST OUR NEXT WEAPON ON THE TWIN TOWERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER! HA! HA! THE KINEGATRON EFFECT SHOULD BE DEVASTATING!

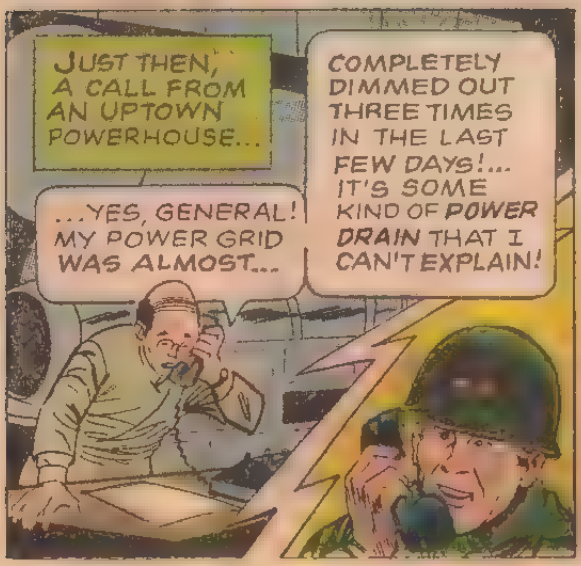

IN THE NEXT INSTANT, DEEP BENEATH THE TRADE CENTER...
LOOK! A HOLE... OPENING UP IN THE BASEMENT FLOOR!
THE BUILDING FOUNDATION...IT'S CRACKLING... FALLING APART!


STUNNING SECONDS LATER THE MIGHTY TOWERS CRUMBLE INTO A HUGE CREVICE.
RUMMBBBLLLL!

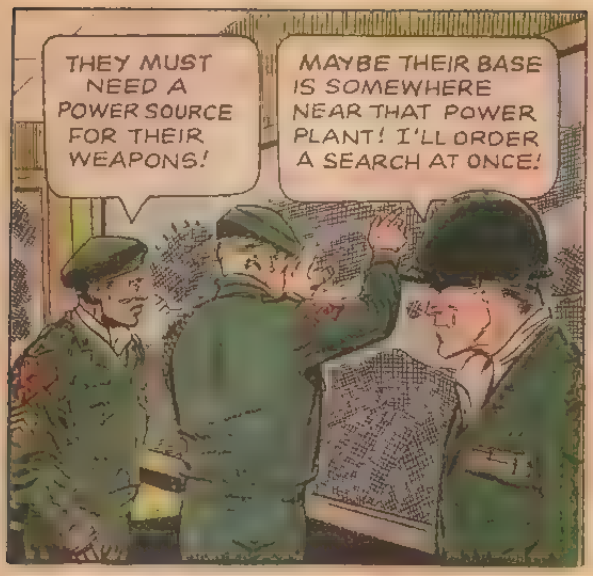

THROUGHOUT THE CITY SKYSCRAPERS TOPPLE AS THE EARTH YAWNS BENEATH THEM...
RUN! RUN, OR WE'LL ALL BE BURIED ALIVE...

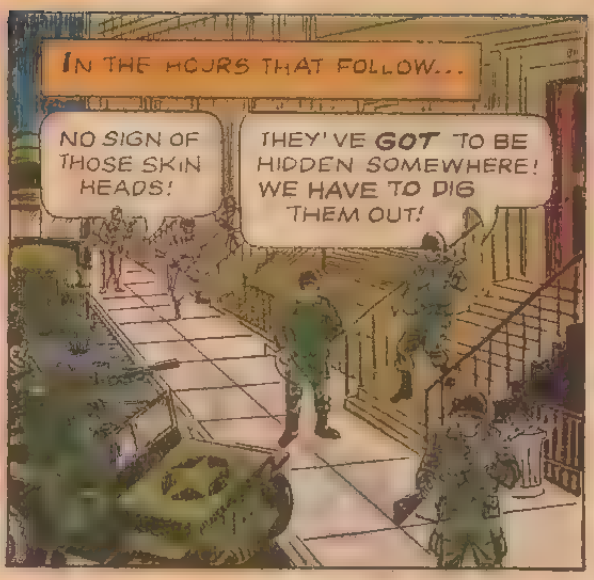

AT MILITARY HEADQUARTERS...
DISAPPEARING TRAINS... STRANGE FOGS... COLLAPSING SKYSCRAPERS! WHAT GOES ON? CAN'T YOU MARS-MEN FIND OUT?
THEY ARE CLOBBERING US! BUT THEY HAVEN'T TRIED TO CAPTURE THE CITY!

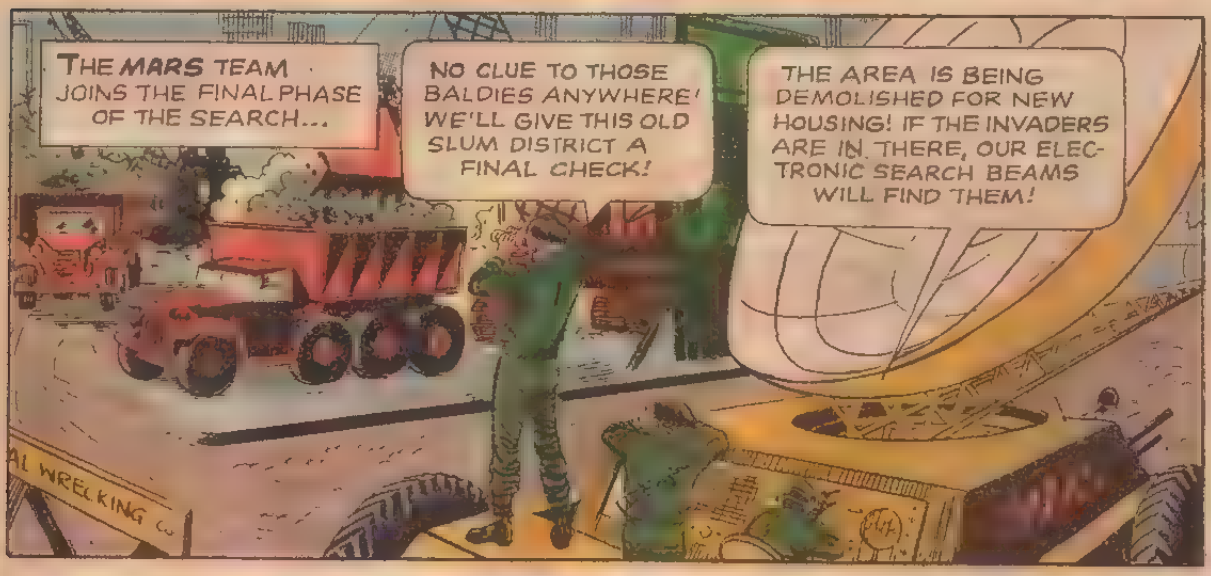

I THINK THE CITY IS BEING USED AS A PROVING GROUNDS FOR THE INVADERS' LATEST WEAPONS!
THE PEOPLE ARE TERRORIZED, LIEUTENANT!... THEY'RE STARTING TO EVACUATE THE CITY!


JUST THEN, A CALL FROM AN UPTOWN POWERHOUSE...
...YES, GENERAL! MY POWER GRID WAS ALMOST...
COMPLETELY DIMMED OUT THREE TIMES IN THE LAST FEW DAYS!... IT'S SOME KIND OF POWER DRAIN THAT I CAN'T EXPLAIN!

SOON...
...THE BALDIES WERE TRYING A NEW WEAPON!
ACCORDING TO THE DETAILS, THOSE BLACK-OUTS OCCUR EACH TIME...
YOU THINK THERE'S AN ANGLE THERE?


THEY MUST NEED A POWER SOURCE FOR THEIR WEAPONS!
MAYBE THEIR BASE IS SOMEWHERE NEAR THAT POWER PLANT! I'LL ORDER A SEARCH AT ONCE!


IN THE HOURS THAT FOLLOW...
NO SIGN OF THOSE SKIN HEADS!
THEY'VE GOT TO BE HIDDEN SOMEWHERE! WE HAVE TO DIG THEM OUT!


THE MARS TEAM JOINS THE FINAL PHASE OF THE SEARCH...
NO CLUE TO THOSE BALDIES ANYWHERE! WE'LL GIVE THIS OLD SLUM DISTRICT A FINAL CHECK!
THE AREA IS BEING DEMOLISHED FOR NEW HOUSING! IF THE INVADERS ARE IN THERE, OUR ELECTRONIC SEARCH BEAMS WILL FIND THEM!
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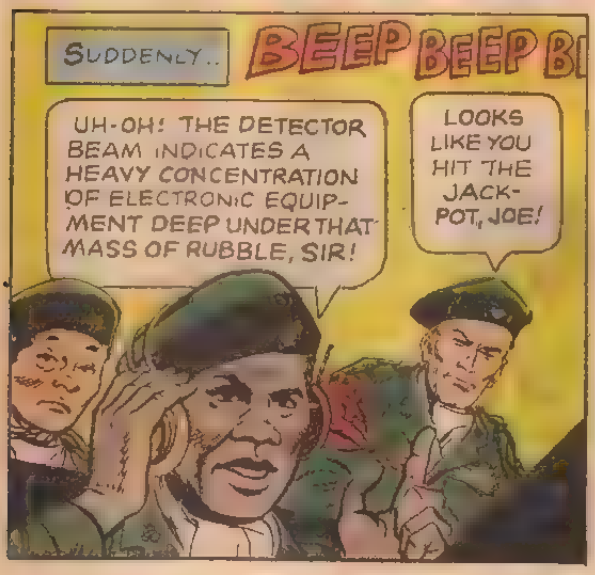
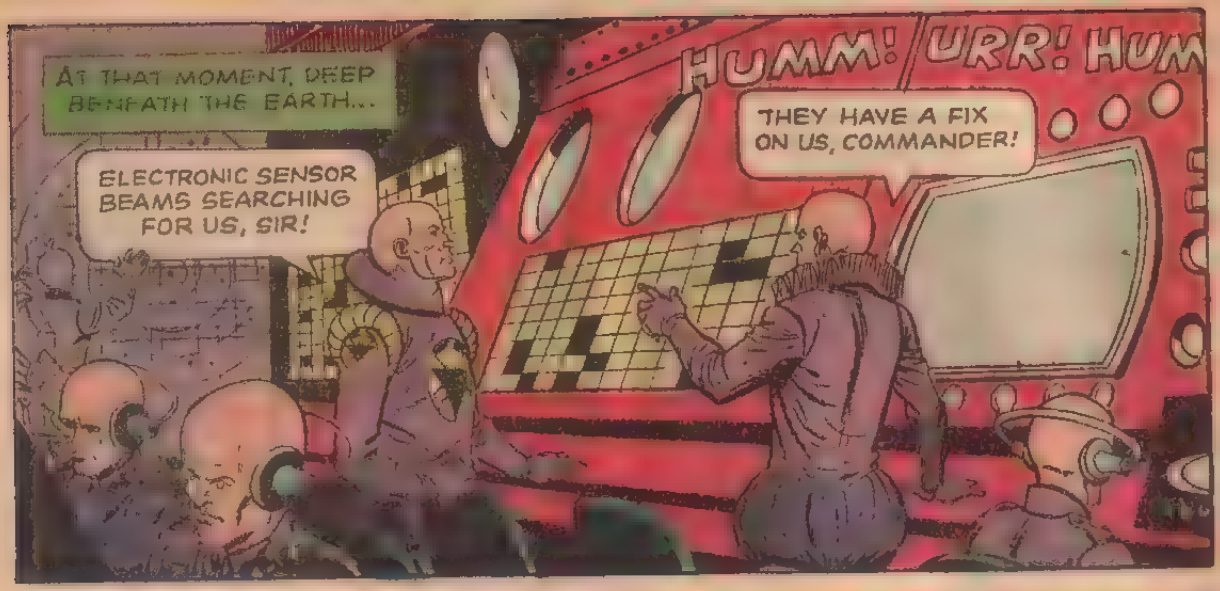
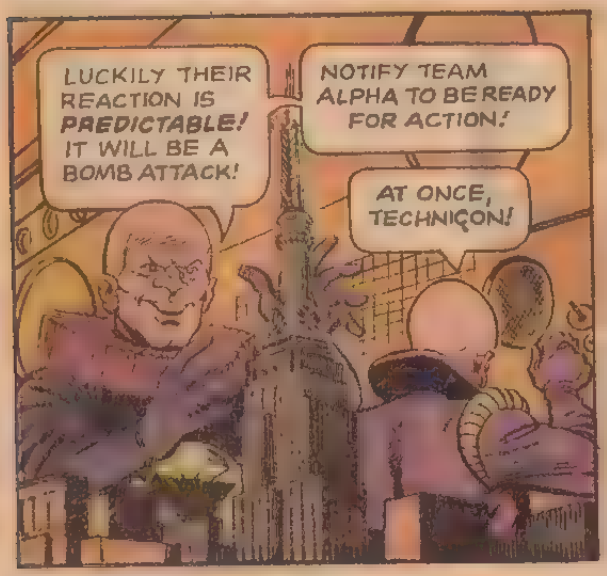
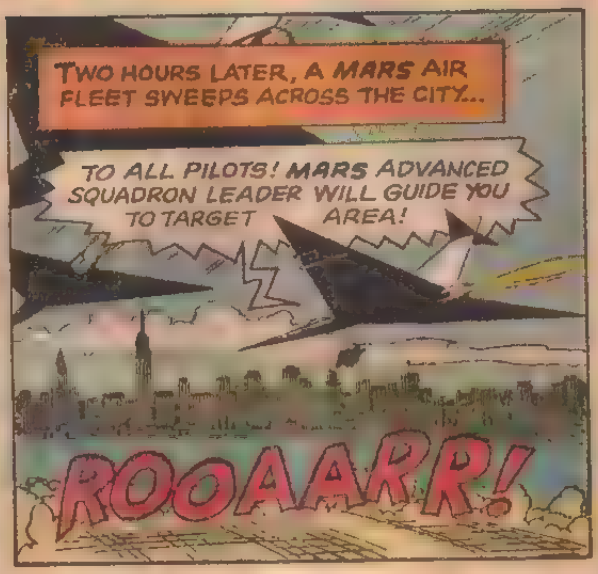
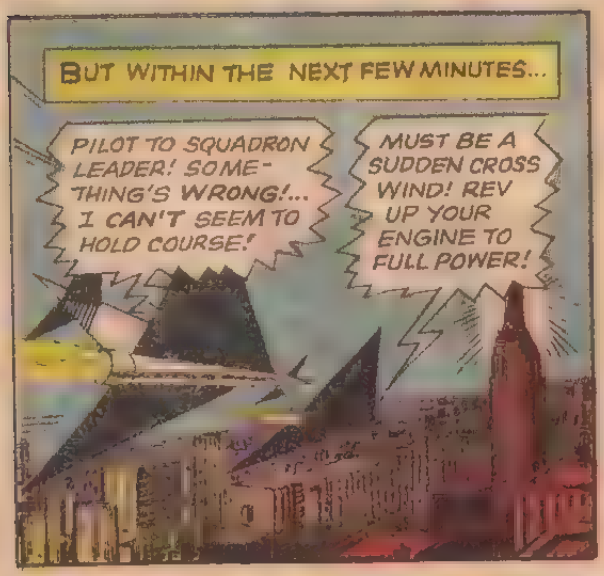

SUDDENLY..
BEEP BEEP B
UH-OH! THE DETECTOR BEAM INDICATES A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DEEP UNDER THAT MASS OF RUBBLE, SIR!
LOOKS LIKE YOU HIT THE JACKPOT, JOE!

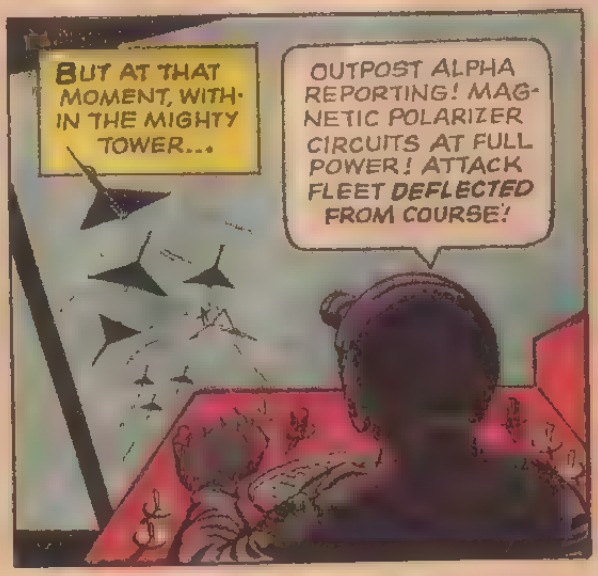
ONLY ONE WAY TO PRY THEM OUT OF THAT RUBBLE! I'LL BE BACK WITH A SQUADRON OF BOMBERS!
I'LL CONTACT YOU BY RADIO!
GOOD LUCK, SKIPPER!

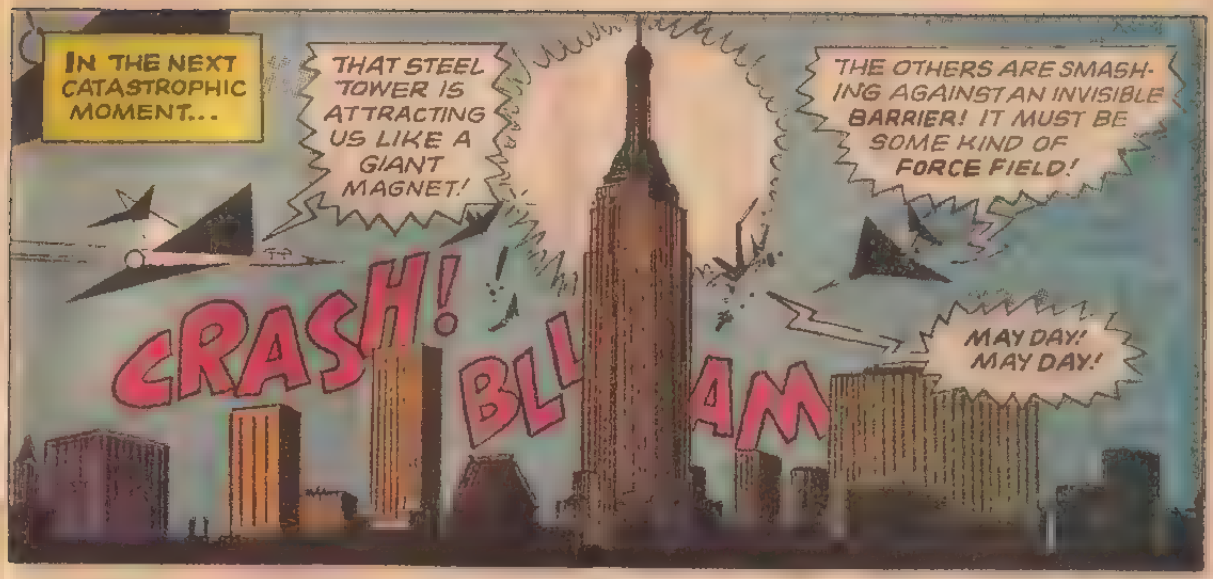

AT THAT MOMENT, DEEP BENEATH THE EARTH...
ELECTRONIC SENSOR BEAMS SEARCHING FOR US, SIR!
HUMM! URR! HUM
THEY HAVE A FIX ON US, COMMANDER!

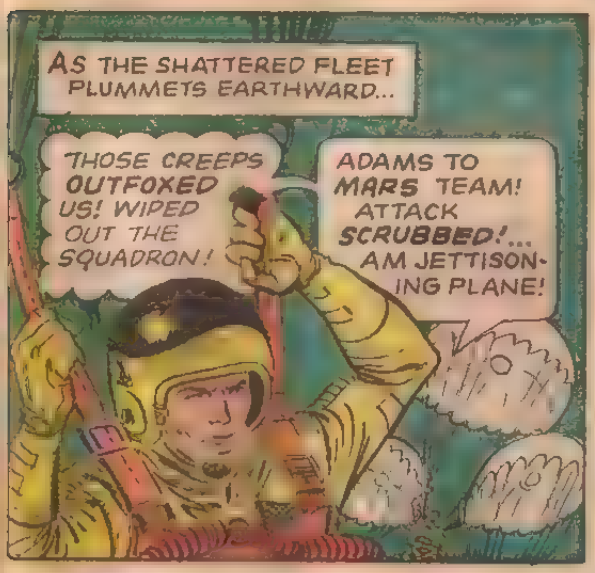

LUCKILY THEIR REACTION IS PREDICTABLE! IT WILL BE A BOMB ATTACK!
NOTIFY TEAM ALPHA TO BE READY FOR ACTION!
AT ONCE, TECHNICON!


TWO HOURS LATER, A MARS AIR FLEET SWEEPS ACROSS THE CITY...
TO ALL PILOTS! MARS ADVANCED SQUADRON LEADER WILL GUIDE YOU TO TARGET AREA!
ROOAARR!

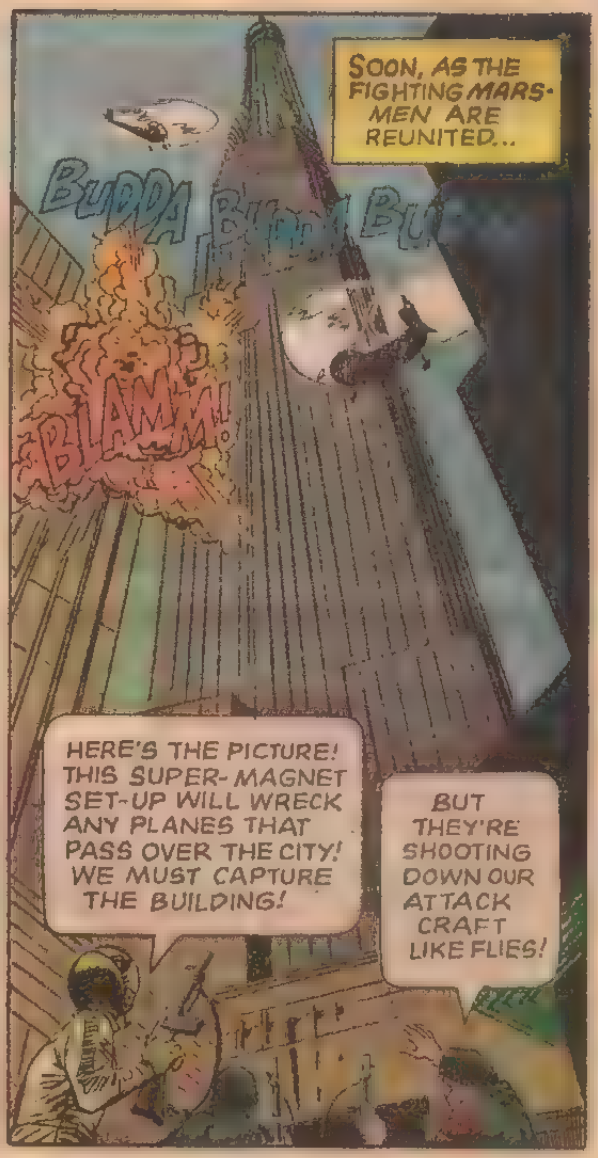

BUT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MINUTES...
PILOT TO SQUADRON LEADER! SOMETHING'S WRONG!... I CAN'T SEEM TO HOLD COURSE!
MUST BE A SUDDEN CROSS WIND! REV UP YOUR ENGINE TO FULL POWER!


BUT AT THAT MOMENT, WITHIN THE MIGHTY TOWER...
OUTPOST ALPHA REPORTING! MAGNETIC POLARIZER CIRCUITS AT FULL POWER! ATTACK FLEET DEFLECTED FROM COURSE!


IN THE NEXT CATASTROPHIC MOMENT...
THAT STEEL TOWER IS ATTRACTING US LIKE A GIANT MAGNET!
THE OTHERS ARE SMASHING AGAINST AN INVISIBLE BARRIER! IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF FORCE FIELD!
CRASH!
BLL AM
MAY DAY! MAY DAY!


AS THE SHATTERED FLEET PLUMMETS EARTHWARD...
THOSE CREEPS OUTFOXED US! WIPED OUT THE SQUADRON!
ADAMS TO MARS TEAM! ATTACK SCRUBBED!... AM JETTISONING PLANE!

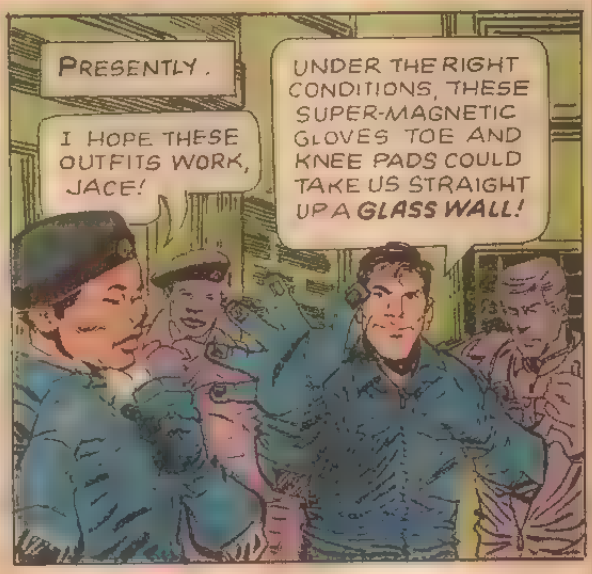
REPORT TO VICINITY OF EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, AT ONCE! WILL CONTACT YOU THERE... IF I MAKE IT DOWN ALIVE!
YOU'LL MAKE IT, SKIPPER! AND WE'LL BE THERE!

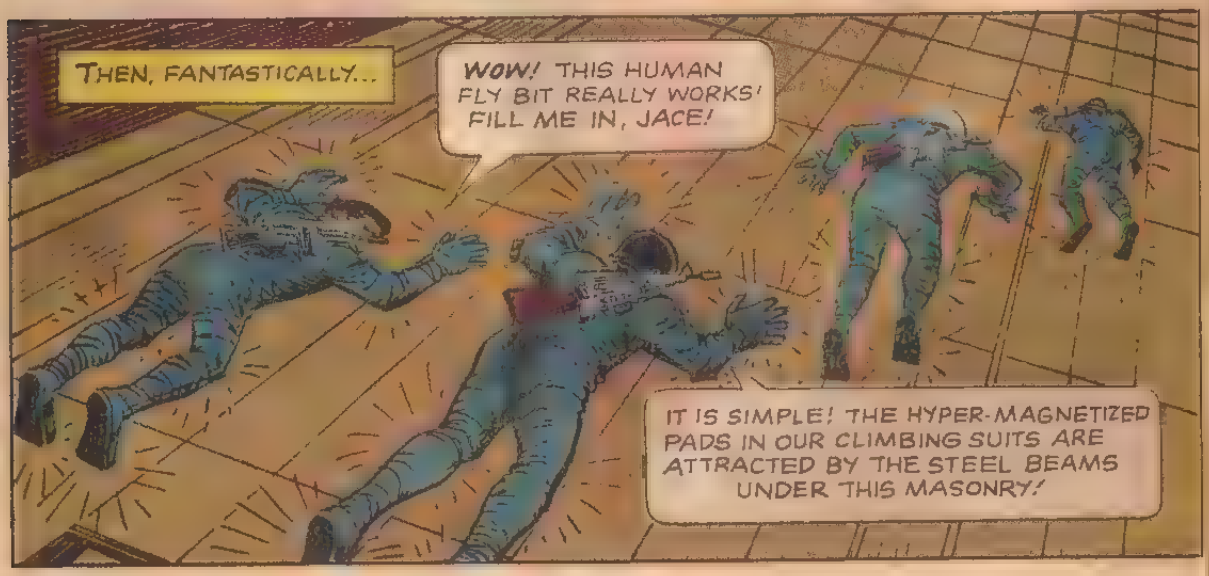

SOON, AS THE FIGHTING MARSMEN ARE REUNITED...
BUDDA BUDDA BU
BLAMM
HERE'S THE PICTURE! THIS SUPER-MAGNET SET-UP WILL WRECK ANY PLANES THAT PASS OVER THE CITY! WE MUST CAPTURE THE BUILDING!
BUT THEY'RE SHOOTING DOWN OUR ATTACK CRAFT LIKE FLIES!

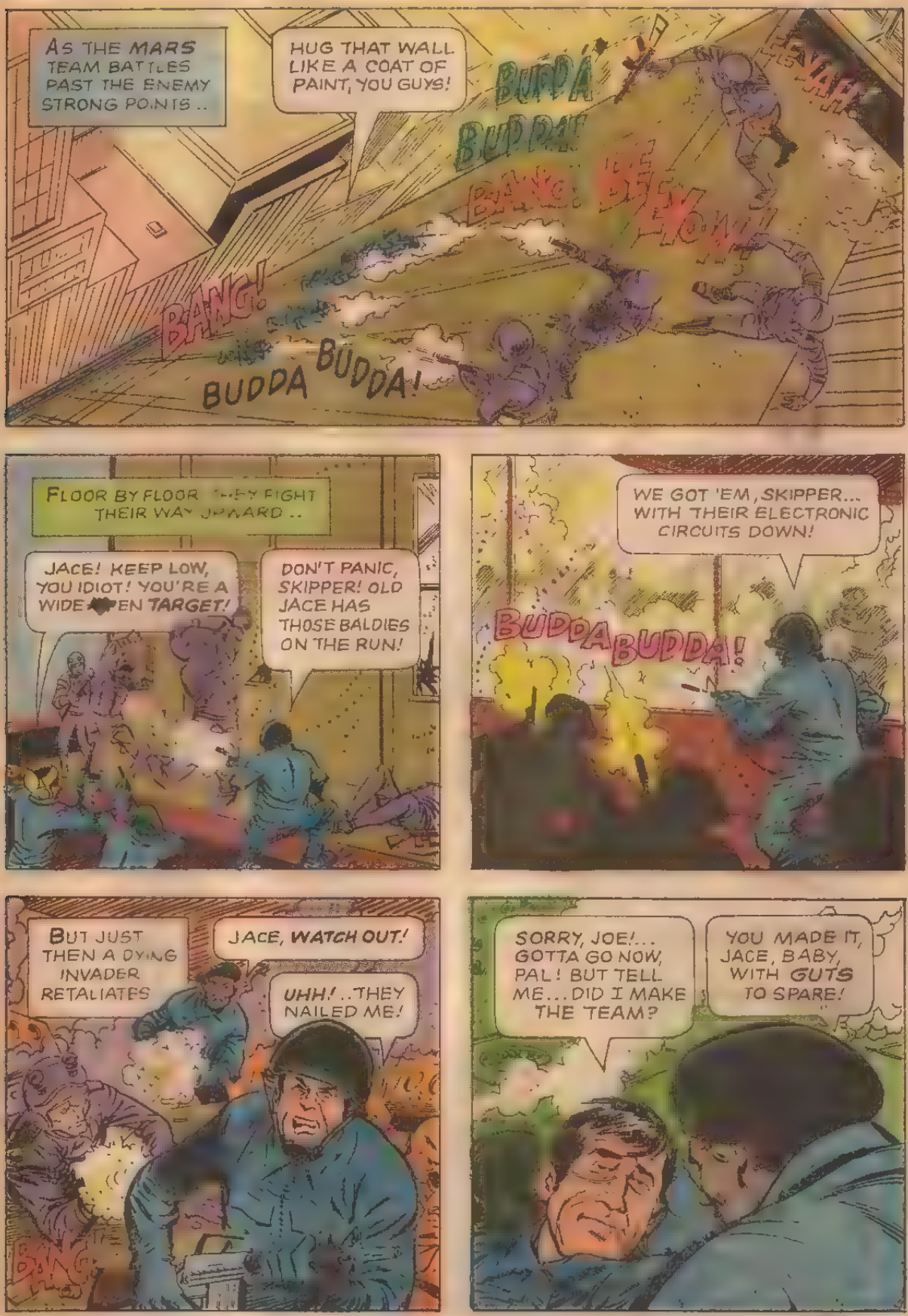
I'VE GOT AN IDEA ON HOW TO BLAST OUT THOSE SKIN-HEADS AND PUT THE NAME OF JACE CRANE UP IN LIGHTS!
NO! EVERY TIME I TRY THAT GRAND-STAND STUFF I END UP BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL!

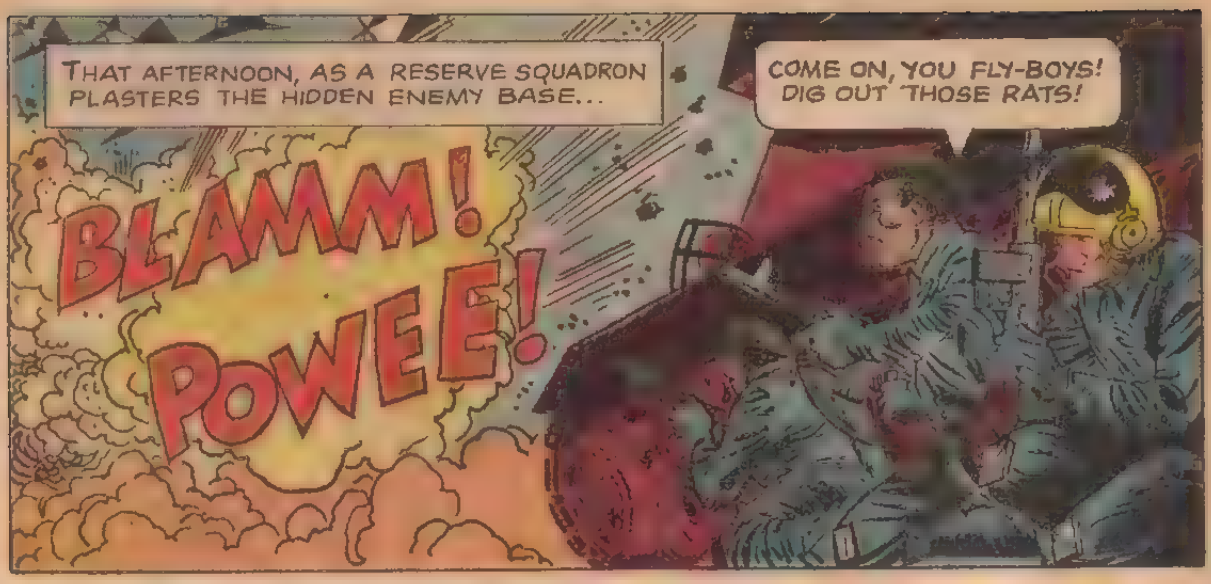
SIR I CAN PRY THOSE BALD'ES LOOSE! BUT IT WILL TAKE A NEW SPECIAL WEAPON THEY TAUGHT ME ABOUT... THAT, PLUS TEAMWORK!
TEAMWORK? KEEP TALKING, JACE!

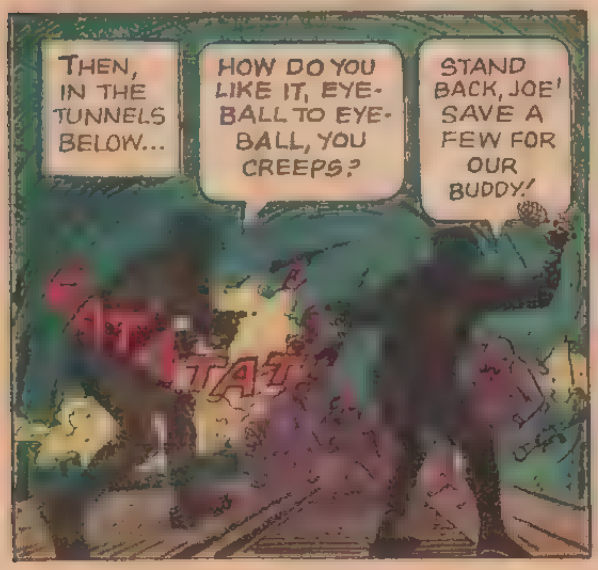
SOON, A SPECIAL SHIPMENT ARRIVES.
THESE ARE THE SPECIAL MAGNETIC CLIMBING SUITS WE WERE TAUGHT TO USE BACK IN ADVANCED TRAIN-ING, SKIPPER!
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR, MEN? LET'S GO!

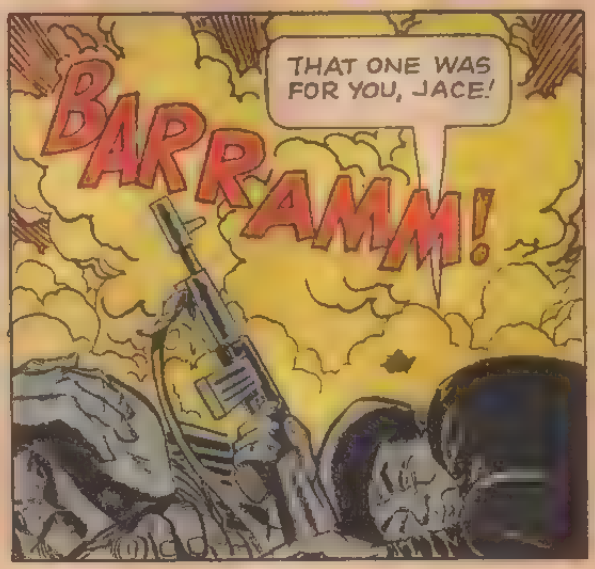

PRESENTLY.
I HOPE THESE OUTFITS WORK, JACE!
UNDER THE RIGHT CONDITIONS, THESE SUPER-MAGNETIC GLOVES TOE AND KNEE PADS COULD TAKE US STRAIGHT UP A GLASS WALL!

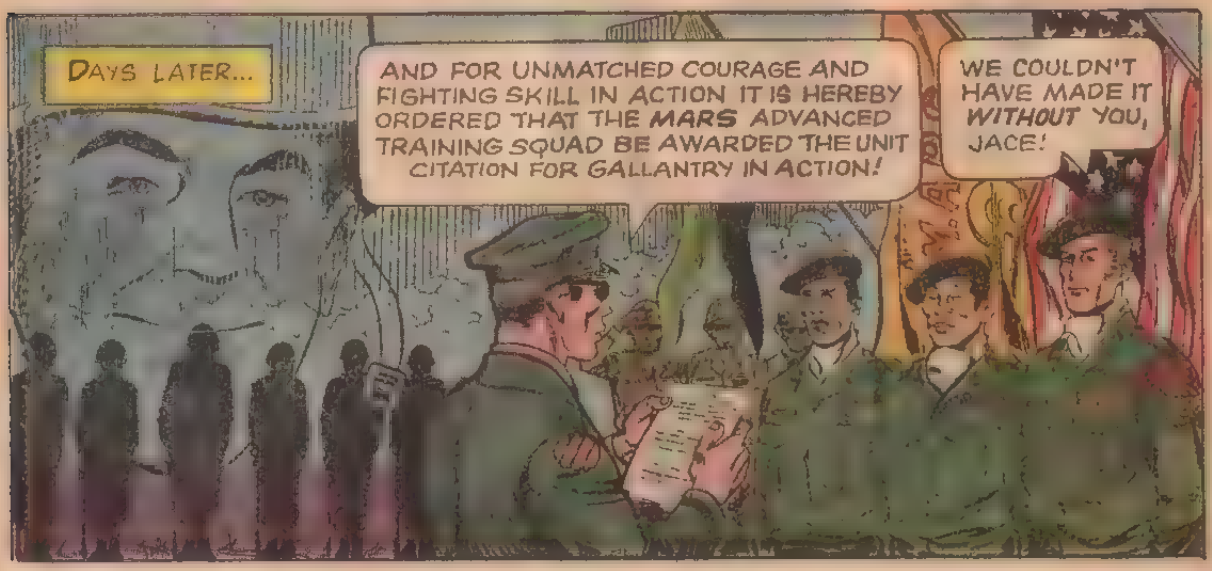

THEN, FANTASTICALLY...
WOW! THIS HUMAN FLY BIT REALLY WORKS! FILL ME IN, JACE!
IT IS SIMPLE! THE HYPER-MAGNETIZED PADS IN OUR CLIMBING SUITS ARE ATTRACTED BY THE STEEL BEAMS UNDER THIS MASONRY!


AS THE MARS TEAM BATTLES PAST THE ENEMY STRONG POINTS ..
HUG THAT WALL LIKE A COAT OF PAINT, YOU GUYS!
BUDDA BUDDA!
BANG!
BANG!
BUDDA BUDDA!
FLOOR BY FLOOR THEY FIGHT THEIR WAY UPWARD ..
JACE! KEEP LOW, YOU IDIOT! YOU'RE A WIDE-OPEN TARGET!
DON'T PANIC, SKIPPER! OLD JACE HAS THOSE BALDIES ON THE RUN!
WE GOT 'EM, SKIPPER... WITH THEIR ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS DOWN!
BUDDA BUDDA!
BUT JUST THEN A DYING INVADER RETALIATES
JACE, WATCH OUT!
UHH! ..THEY NAILED ME!
SORRY, JOE!... GOTTA GO NOW, PAL! BUT TELL ME... DID I MAKE THE TEAM?
YOU MADE IT, JACE, BABY, WITH GUTS TO SPARE!


THAT AFTERNOON, AS A RESERVE SQUADRON PLASTERS THE HIDDEN ENEMY BASE...
BLAMM! POWEE!
COME ON, YOU FLY-BOYS! DIG OUT THOSE RATS!


THEN, IN THE TUNNELS BELOW...
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, EYE-BALL TO EYE-BALL, YOU CREEPS?
STAND BACK, JOE! SAVE A FEW FOR OUR BUDDY!
TAT TAT


THAT ONE WAS FOR YOU, JACE!
BARRAMM!


DAYS LATER...
AND FOR UNMATCHED COURAGE AND FIGHTING SKILL IN ACTION IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE MARS ADVANCED TRAINING SQUAD BE AWARDED THE UNIT CITATION FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION!
WE COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU, JACE!

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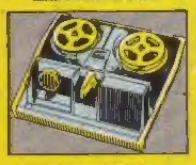
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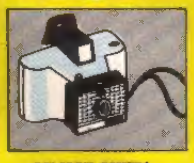
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